

## All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel November 2025

<b>Reporting Committee</b>	<b>NWJCC - All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel</b>
<b>Chaired by</b>	<b>Elizabeth Abderrahim</b>
<b>Lead Executive Director</b>	<b>Professor Iolo Doull, Medical Director</b>
<b>Date of last meeting</b>	<b>All Wales IPFR Panel meeting 05 November 2025</b>

### Summary of key matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made.

The following table demonstrates the number of requests considered at the Chair's Action Panel meetings and All Wales IPFR Panel meetings during this reporting period.

	<b>Number of Requests discussed as Chair's Actions</b>	<b>Number of Requests discussed by WHSSC IPFR Panel</b>
<b>October</b>	7	8

### Key risks and issues/matters of concern and any mitigating actions

#### Health Board Attendance progress

There are no concerns to escalate during this reporting period. Only one Panel meeting had to be cancelled during October due to lack of attendance from HB representatives.

#### Lay Member Vacancies

The Panel remains without any Lay member representation. The two vacancies are currently out to advert. No further updates have been offered.

#### Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Quality Assurance (QA) Group Audit Report – August 2025

One of the roles of this group is to consider an anonymised random sample of IPFR reports (one from each IPFR panel in Wales) in relation to their completeness, timeliness and efficiency of communication in line with the NHS Wales IPFR policy process. The full terms of reference of the group are available on the AWTTTC website. During this meeting the group considered one application from each panel considered between April and June 2025.

The report highlighted that eight of the ten criteria assessed were met for the IPFR assessed from the JCC.

The QA Group acknowledged that this PET scan request was out with the PET Commissioning Policy CP50 and so was suitable for IPFR consideration. However,

the Group noted the comment of the NWJCC panel included in the meeting record who expressed the opinion that requests for PET scans should not be considered through the IPFR process but dealt with via routine commissioning after assessment by a 'gate-keeper'. The QA Group agree with the sentiments of the panel on this matter.

The Group noted that the decision record of the NWJCC panel states in bold on the first page that the 'Decision Making Guide in the IPFR Policy was used by the panel to aid the decision making in the application'. However, the NWJCC panel are following the revised IPFR policy in which the decision-making guide has not been updated to reflect the changes made in the revised policy. Therefore, if discussions have followed the decision-making guide, these will not align to the updated 9B criteria in the policy the NWJCC panel is following. This could potentially cause issues if a review of a decision is requested.

A letter was not sent to the patient and so this criterion was not met. However, the IPFR co-ordinator provided justification on why this isn't done for PET scan applications. The QA Group accepted this approach as reasonable for these applications.

In the quarter January April to March June, 87% of requests considered by the NWJCC panel met the urgency stipulated. This is the same as the previous quarter but slightly lower than the same quarter in 2024 when 93% of requests met urgency. No additional redactions were required to the paperwork prior to sending to Group members.

**Matters referred to other Committees**

- None

Confirmed Minutes for each of the meetings are available on request.

<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>19 November 2025</b>
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