

Reporting Committee	JCC - All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel
Chaired by	Elizabeth Abderrahim
Lead Executive Director	Professor Iolo Doull, Medical Director
Date of last meeting	All Wales IPFR Panel meeting 4th February 2026

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.

Month	Number of Requests discussed as Chair's Actions	Number of Requests discussed by JCC IPFR Panel	Number of requests approved	Anticipated costs from Panel cases
December	0	11	9	£63,000 non-recurrent
January	4	9	10	£44,200 non-recurrent £108,00 recurrent
February	1	3	3	£130,000 non-recurrent

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

Health Board Attendance progress

The All Wales IPFR Panel has been stood down on 2 occasions since the last report in November as the Panel was not being quorate due to the unavailability of Health Board Panel members.

7th January – No attendance from ABUHB; BCUHB; C&VUHB; PTHB

18th February – No attendance from ABUHB; BCUHB; C&VUHB; PTHB

As set out in the Terms of Reference for the All-Wales IPFR Panel, clinically urgent cases (those with a decision required within 24-48 hours) are considered by an Urgent Chair Action Panel.

Non urgent have to be rescheduled for the next Panel. Whilst these cases are not clinically urgent there is a potential that patient treatment could be delayed.

Lay Member Vacancies

The Panel remains without any Lay member representation. Two vacancies have been advertised and JCC are currently in the process of shortlisting from the 10 applications received.

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

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. There is no report available at this time for the last quarter.

In January, AWTTCC hosted an annual training workshop for IPFR panel members and clinicians with an interest in learning more about the work of IPFR. The workshop included presentation regarding the changes to the IPFR Policy and undertaking a review of a decision.

Internal Audit of IPFR

Between October 2025 and January 2026, Internal Audit completed a review of the systems and processes in place for the management and consideration of IPFR applications. This concluded in Substantial Assurance. The final report is attached for further information as **Appendix 1**.

Matters referred to other Committees

- None

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

Date of next meeting

4th March 2026