



Advocacy Toolkit: Individual Patient Treatment Requests (IPTRs) – Scotland

What are they?

Individual patient treatment requests (IPTRs) are the NHS Scotland procedure for an individual to gain access to funding for services or treatments not routinely provided by the NHS.

An IPTR will be required to access a treatment in the following circumstances:

- The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) or NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) have appraised the treatment and given the advice of 'not recommended' for treatment of the patient's condition.
- The treatment is relatively new and has not yet been assessed by the SMC or NHIS.

The process

In Scotland, IPTRs are managed by individual Health Boards and each has developed their own policy. In some instances, reviews of IPTRs are undergoing and it appears they may be replaced by PACS (Peer Approved Clinical Systems). This is currently the process for clinicians to gain access to 'not recommended' drugs for the treatment of very rare disorders (ultra-orphan drugs).

You can find details from your Health Board below. Please note these documents can be quite extensive and we recommended that you speak to your healthcare team.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran

<http://www.nhsaaa.net/media/136779/Newmed.pdf>

NHS Dumfries and Galloway

http://www.dgprescribingmatters.co.uk/documents/IPTR%20NHSDE&G_1.pdf

NHS Fife

Policy section 7.18.5: "Where the product has not been reviewed by SMC, or it has been turned down by SMC, an Individual Patient Treatment Request must be completed and approved before a supply may be made."

Detail in the introduction of the application form:

<http://www.fifeadtc.scot.nhs.uk/media/4073/individual-patient-treatment-requests-2015.doc>

NHS Grampian

http://www.nhsgrampian.org/nhsgrampian/GJF_general_new.jsp?pElementID=1422&pContentID=8677&p_applc=CCC&pMenuID=7&p_service=Content.show&

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

http://www.ggcprescribing.org.uk/media/uploads/policies/section_5/5.2_management_of_iptrs_-_1701.pdf

NHS Highland and Western Isles

<http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Publications/Documents/Policies/Managed%20Entry%20and%20Use%20of%20Medicines/Processes%20for%20the%20managed%20entry%20and%20use%20of%20medicine%20-%20Appendix%206.pdf>



NHS Lanarkshire (word document)

<http://www.medednhs.uk/sites/prescribing/rd.asp?rui=RIBETADI970402RAEDDE12122011&i=420>

NHS Lothian

<http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/BoardCommittees/Committees/ADTC/MedicinesGovernancePoliciesADTCPolicyStatements/Documents/NHS%20Lothian%20IPTR%20Policy%20v2%206%20May%202017.pdf>

NHS Tayside

Section 6 of the following:

<http://www.nhstaysideadtc.scot.nhs.uk/netFormulary/PDF/IPTR%20Policy.pdf>

Further questions?

If you have any further questions about Individual Funding Requests then you can contact our Campaigns and Advocacy team. They are available Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 5:30pm. If you would like to speak to them, you can:

- Call our office line on 01905 755977
- Send them an email at advocacy@leukaemiacare.org.uk
- You can also call the 24-hour CARE Line, free of charge on 08088 010 444. The team will pass your enquiry onto the Campaigns and Advocacy team.

Please note that our Campaigns and Advocacy team are unable to provide:

- Detailed medical advice or recommendations
- Legal advice
- Advocacy for a course of action which is contrary to the aims and objectives of Leukaemia CARE