

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 15th April 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
March	2	8	4	£31,754.18
April	1	13	6	£52,251

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 1 occasion since the last report (March 04th) due to not being quorate due to unavailability of Health Board Panel members. Urgent cases were dealt with through Chair Action Panels or considered at a later Panel.

Lay Member Vacancies

Following successful interviews for the two Lay Member vacancies, successful appointment have been offered. Two Lay Members will be joining the All Wales IPFR Panel in due course.

Revised All Wales IPFR Policy

The revised IPFR Policy, was adopted by all IPFR panels in Wales on 2 February 2026.

Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Quality Assurance (QA) Group Audit Report – February 2026

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 AWTC

website. During this meeting the group considered one application from each panel considered between October and December 2025.

The report highlighted that nine of the ten criteria assessed were met for the IPFR assessed from NWJCC.

The QA Group noted that the decision was made by Chairs action as the panel meeting it was scheduled for was stood down due to lack of panel quoracy and the clinician confirmed the request could not wait for the next panel meeting. The QA Group endorsed the approach taken although query why the clinician did not make an IPFR submission as soon as the diagnosis was confirmed in June instead of waiting until less than a month before the baby's due date and then requesting the application be processed as urgent by the JCC panel.

As noted in previous reports, the QA group felt that the revised IPFR policy was followed for this decision in which the decision-making guide (included in the appendix) had not been updated to reflect the changes made in the revised policy. Therefore, they felt that the guide used by the Deputy Chair when making the decision did not align with the updated 9B criteria in the policy that was followed. However the JCC IPFR panel has questioned the QA group's understanding of the policy as the decision making guide is not part of the policy.

The Group noted that although the Chairs action decision was made by a Deputy Chair, the letter to the clinician was signed by the NWJCC panel Chair; the Group advise that in circumstances where a Deputy Chair either chairs a panel or makes a Chairs action, the Deputy Chair should be the signatory of any letters sent.

In the quarter October to December 2025, 98% of applications met the urgency requested in the application form, an increase on the previous quarter when 81% met urgency and on the same quarter in 2024 with 86% meeting urgency.

Very few issues were raised to share across all panels. The Group were pleased to note that six of the eight panels met all criteria assessed and nine of the ten criteria were met by all panels. One criterion was missed by each of the two panels using the revised IPFR Policy for consideration of part 9B of the application form which was not implemented at the time. The revised Policy including an updated decision-making guide was formally adopted by all IPFR panels on 2 February 2026 and so this issue is now resolved.

Matters referred to other Committees

- None

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

Date of next meeting	6th May 2026
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