

<b>Reporting Committee</b>	<b>JCC - All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel</b>
<b>Chaired by</b>	<b>Elizabeth Abderrahim</b>
<b>Lead Executive Director</b>	<b>Director of Nursing and Quality Assurance</b>
<b>Date of last meeting</b>	<b>WHSSC IPFR Panel meeting 16 October 2024</b>

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

The meeting scheduled for the 2 October 2024 had to be cancelled on the day due to unforeseen circumstances. The meetings since then have been quorate however due to previous cancellations the panel is dealing with a backlog of cases.

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>Sept</b>	4	10
<b>October</b>	3	10

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

**All Wales IPFR Panel Policy & Terms of Reference**

A meeting was held with Panel Chairs and representatives of the IPFR Quality Assessment Group (AWTCC), JCC, IPFR Policy Implementation Group and Welsh Government on 18 September 2024.

The outcome of that meeting was positive and included the opinion that the JCC Panel Terms of Reference are overly restrictive, and that there is a need for pragmatism with the recognition that the Health Board nominated clinicians would have significant other professional and managerial pressures which could prevent them from attending a Panel meeting. It was suggested that Health Boards be allowed to coordinate attendance to ensure quoracy.

Discussion was held around the wording of section 4.3 of the policy. It was agreed that any changes in wording should be reviewed by Welsh Legal Services prior to future consultation.

**Health Board Attendance progress**

Health Board Medical Directors and Panel Chairs have been asked to reach out to appropriate clinical colleagues within their respective Health Boards to provide a rota of clinicians who are able to attend each Panel.

Progress is being made but some Health Boards are yet to confirm a complete rota.

### **Interim additional Panel Members**

Letters have been sent to confirm the interim appointments of the two additional members. Their attendance is not part of the Panel quoracy.

### **Lay Members**

An advert and role description has been agreed. An advert has gone out to on the JCC Website and across voluntary sectors appoint an additional lay member. A letter has been issues to the current lay member to extend their appointment under the new Terms of Reference for a further year.

### **All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Annual Report 2023-2024**

The largest increase of IPFR being considered across Wales is reported for the Joint Commissioning Committee, where the Panel considered 189 IPFRs in 2023–2024 compared with 154 the previous year representing an increase by 35 IPFRs.

As in previous years, during 2023–2024 the Joint Commissioning Committee considered the majority (87%) of non-medicine IPFRs and of the 234 IPFRs for Medicines the Joint Commissioning Committee also had the highest number (50 requests).

The full report is available at: <https://awttc.nhs.wales/files/ipfr-documents-and-annual-reports/ipfr-annual-reports/ipfr-annual-report-2023-2024/>

### **Matters referred to other Committees**

- None

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

**Date of next meeting**

**06 November 2024**