

Pathways for Interventions Not Normally Funded (INNF)

Prior Approval (PA):

Is a process which requires a clinician to obtain prior authorisation before a referral is made for treatment. Where there is clinical evidence the published criteria is fulfilled the appropriate prior approval application form must be completed and forwarded to the Evidence Based Interventions Team with the supporting evidence.

If the criteria for treatment are not met and a clinician has evidence of clinical exceptionality a clinician can apply to the Evidence Based Interventions Panel. Applications can only be made to the Evidence Based Interventions Panel by a GP or Consultant where there is evidence of clinical exceptionality i.e. there is something about the patient's condition or circumstances that differentiate them on the basis of need from other patients with a similar diagnosis or condition.

Criteria Based Access (CBA):

Where published policy criteria for treatment is met a referral can be made through the referral pathway in place with a referral letter which clearly states how the criteria has been met and this is evidenced in the patients' medical records.

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Evidence Based Interventions Panel (EBIP):

Referrals for treatments not routinely commissioned or funded by Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) can only be made following funding authorisation from the CCG's Evidence Based Interventions Panel. Applications can only be made to the Evidence Based Interventions Panel by a GP or Consultant where there is evidence of clinical exceptionality i.e. there is something about the patient's condition or circumstances that differentiate them on the basis of need from other patients with a similar diagnosis or condition.