

Will the NHS fund my treatment?

Mental health and learning disability funding

Every year, NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS Kernow) receive money from the Government to pay for health services. It is our responsibility to achieve best value for money and to spend it for the benefit of all our population.

Demand for healthcare continues to grow and we have to prioritise the most effective and cost effective treatments available. Decisions to fund new treatments mean less is available for other health services. Difficult choices have to be made over the health care we can afford and which benefits the most people. We try hard to make these choices in a way which is impartial, consistent and fair.



Can I get treatment not normally funded by NHS Kernow?

Your clinician or care co-ordinator can ask the Clinical Commissioning Group to fund a treatment if they consider you to have a specialist mental health or learning disability need for treatment which is not routinely funded.

How are decisions made?

Requests for funding are considered by the Mental Health and Learning Disability Panel.

Ethical decision-making principles

We stress the need for decisions to be impartial and fair. All decisions are made after taking into account evidence of safety, clinical and cost-effectiveness.

What can I do if funding is not approved?

- **Reconsideration:** If there is new or additional evidence which the Panel did not see, a case can be made for reconsideration.
- **Appeal:** If it is felt that the Panel did not follow the decision making process as outlined in the 'Individual Funding Requests' policy.
- **Complain:** If you are unhappy with the outcome.

Your personal confidential information

Where the Clinical Commissioning Group does not have arrangements in place for a particular treatment or procedure to be provided, your GP or hospital clinician will need to make an application so that the panel can make a decision on whether funding should be approved.

When the panel discuss this application they need to have all the relevant information to make an informed decision. We need to know your name and contact details so that we can correspond with you if necessary. We also need other information about your health which is relevant. This may include medication and medical reports.

Your information is shared with the Individual Funding Requests team who arrange for it to be discussed by the panel. All staff working for the NHS have a duty to ensure that your information is kept safe and is only shared so that a funding decision can be made. Details of who is involved in seeing your personal information can be found in the Individual Funding Requests.

Personal identifiable information is also shared with NHS Kernow's mental health or learning disability teams for the validation of any subsequent invoices for treatment.

You have the right to access the record we hold. You also have the right to object to us making use of your information, restrict what information we use and to correct information if it is not accurate.

Contact details

For further information on the Individual Funding Requests policy, visit our website:

🌐 www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/get-info/individual-funding-requests

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