

Procedures of Low Priority

What are 'Procedures of Low Priority'?

Procedures of Low Priority are procedures that are considered to have only a very low clinical benefit for patients; this could mean the procedure is cosmetic, or simply that not carrying out the procedure would have little or no impact upon a person's health.

Procedures are measured against a set of criteria to determine whether they should routinely be carried out on the NHS.

Why can't I have the procedure if my GP says that's what I need?

Unfortunately NHS funds are limited, and are coming under more and more pressure as people live longer and need more healthcare. We have to prioritise treatments which have the biggest impact and best outcomes for patients and therefore the NHS cannot routinely fund every treatment.

What if my case is exceptional?

We understand there may be occasions when treatment is necessary, and as such if you feel your case is exceptional, you have the right to apply for funding through the 'Individual Funding Request' (IFR) scheme, which considers each case. In order to be considered as exceptional, your circumstances would have to be different from other patients with the same condition who might wish to access the treatment.

We usually recommend that you speak to your GP if you would like to make a case to receive a treatment that has been categorised as being low priority. Your GP can make an application on your behalf, although if you prefer you can apply to the team yourself using the contact details overleaf.



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