

3.4 IFR triage tool for Provider Trusts and clinicians

It is important that Provider Trusts have the processes in place to enable clinicians and managers to identify clearly the most appropriate route that decisions about the funding of medicines or treatments need to take. Greater clarity for clinicians should help ensure that proactive decisions can

be taken without the need for inappropriate reactive IFRs. This may be facilitated by using a 'hub' approach within a Provider Trust to ensure that only appropriate IFR requests are submitted to PCTs (see [Section 2.3.3](#)). A generic triage tool is outlined in [Figure five](#).

Figure five: Generic IFR triage tool

