**EFR** (Exceptional Funding Requests)

Please find the following information and reminders below:

* It has been agreed that the EFR Department will automatically withdraw any applications, where further information requests have not been followed up by the applicant, after a period of **30** days.
* All policies and specific or generic application forms can be found on the following webpages:

<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/what-we-do-and-don-t-fund>

<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/what-we-do-and-don-t-fund/what-we-do-and-don-t-fund-locality-specific-policies>

* When submitting / attaching an application by email please ensure, each time, that it is for one patient and for one intervention only. Therefore please do not include more than one application for the same patient or for different patients in the same email.
* Please check the website for any specific application forms that may be required and please do not use generic NHS forms or our own generic prior approval form, if there is one. The specific forms are clearly laid out within the table on the webpage.
* Many of the policies require evidence of conservative measures and / or significant functional impairment e.g. Carpal Tunnel, Trigger Finger and Varicose Veins, therefore please do double check that these have been considered before submitting an application.
* Please clearly identify the specific location on the body to which the intervention relates i.e. Hand, Leg or Foot - Bilateral, Left or Right.
* Please find the supporting evidence that **must** be submitted, alongside the application form, for the following interventions / conditions:

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| **Interventions** | **Application Requirements** |
| Blepharoplasty / Ptosis | Photographs & Visual Fields |
| Skin Lesions | Photographs |
| Tonsillectomy | Dates of Documented Episodes |

Your cooperation is much appreciated and should you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact the team at bswccg.efr@nhs.net

Kind regards

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