Update regarding the eRS Funding Pathway Across BSW

From 3rd August 2020, you will be able to submit funding requests to a central BSW team **via eRS**

**What will this change mean?**

* This will positively affect the way GP practices are able to make funding requests by reducing the number of steps required to apply for funding approval.
* The changes continue the process towards starting to streamline referral processes across BSW and ensuring full utilisation of eRS capability.

**Process:**

* If a referral is received by the RMC via a RAS, which requires funding approval before proceeding, it will be returned to you with a request for it to be redirected to the funding team via eRS.
* If a referral requires funding, please send the **application** along with the **referral letter** to the relevant funding RAS on eRS, which are all named:

 **‘Funding Requests BSW’** followed by the **specialty.**

* You will be contacted by the funding team if further information is required.
* If a funding request is subsequently approved, the referral will be forwarded to the Referral Service by the funding team for onward referral.
* If the specialty is **not** currently provided by your local Referral Service (relevant to a small number of specialties in some localities), it will be returned to you via email and eRS for onward referral.
* If a funding request is declined, the referral will be returned to you on eRS and also by email with further information.
* **To support this pathway, when sending any referral directly to the funding RAS, please ensure that all relevant information required by both the funding team and provider is included.**
* The existing email address for funding requests will continue unchanged, which is:

bswccg.efr@nhs.net

Further information regarding funding policies and relevant forms can be found here: <https://www.bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/what-we-do-and-don-t-fund>