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Question/s to be answered

1. How much from the new medicines fund has your HB been allocated 2014 -15 and 2015 – 2016

   2014/15   Nil
   2015/16   £280,000

2. What was the amount spent from the fund financial year 2014-15, 15-16 and to date

   2014/15   Nil
   2015/16   £45,758
   2016/17 (April to June 2016)   £3,380

3. What is the process to access the fund?

   To access this fund an Individual Patient Treatment Request would need to be requested through NHS Grampian on our behalf. Treatments are approved in Aberdeen and cross charged to Shetland.
   http://www.nhsgrampian.org/nhsgrampian/GJF_general_new.jsp;jsessionid=F8A1E5D8C1024DEE228B49AF15A92F97?pContentID=8677&p_applic=CCC&pElementID=1422&pMenuID=537&p_service=Content.show&
Clinicians make the requests on a "case by case" basis for individual patients by following the "NHS Grampian Staff Guidance For Processing Requests To Prescribe Unlicensed, Off-Label Or Non-Formulary Medicines (Including Medicines Awaiting Consideration By, Or Not Recommended For Use By, The Scottish Medicines Consortium)" - see link [http://www.nhsgrampian.org/grampianfoi/files/NFUP.pdf](http://www.nhsgrampian.org/grampianfoi/files/NFUP.pdf)

4. What are the current criteria for determining access to the fund

We do not hold this information. We presume that Grampian will include in their response

5. How are IPTR’s funded?

IPTRs are funded from NHS Shetland’s Extra Contractual Referrals budget.

6. What was spent on IPTRs 2014-15, 15-16

2014/15 - £25,781

2015/16 - £7002.35

7. The number of IPTRs requested, the number approved

There was 1 IPTR in 2014/15 which was approved by NHS Shetland.
There was no IPTR in 2015/16.

There may have been Individual Patient Treatment Requests for Shetland patients who are undergoing treatment in Grampian that we are unaware of. We presume that such requests will be recorded in Grampian’s response to the query.