

Flexifund

Application for the funding of tests that are currently not funded in the Wellington region

Introduction

The contract between the 3DHBs (Wairarapa, Wellington, Hutt Valley) and Wellington SCL contains a list of tests that are publicly funded. There is also a specific fund to cover the introduction of new tests. The template below should be completed initially by the clinical department or individual clinician requesting the new test and then by WSCL indicating the resources required. A clinical leader must support the application. If you work outside the hospital or your department does not have a clinical leader, you are welcome to approach an appropriate clinical leader for that support.

Please complete the attached template and attach all required supporting documentation.

All information is to be forwarded to the Contract manager at SIDU (Russell.cooke@ccdhb.org.nz) who will then forward this to the laboratory (Richard.steele@wellingtonscl.co.nz) for the laboratory assessment. If further information is required to ensure the completeness of the information, SIDU will request additional information within 10 working days of receipt of the information. Proposals should be initiated and submitted by clinicians rather than laboratory personnel

Part 1: To be filled in by the requesting Department

Questions to be completed	Response
New test or project being proposed	
Name of Person/s submitting the proposal	
Organisation/Department of submitter	
Date of proposal	
Email of Submitter/s	
Give the name and email address of the clinical leader supporting this proposal	
Details of the Proposal	
Why should this test be funded? (please write about any relevant background information including clinical, scientific, changes in practices etc.)	
What are the clinical indications for doing this test?	

Questions to be completed	Response
<p>What patient population would benefit from this test?</p>	
<p>Who should be ordering this test? (for example, a group of specialists or primary care)</p>	
<p>What would occur if the test was not funded?</p>	
<p>What are the systems savings -of funding the proposal?</p>	
<p>What are the potential negative consequences if the test was funded? (for example, clinical impact of false positive or negative results, inappropriate ordering and or/interpretation)</p>	
<p>What is the scientific literature to support the use of this test? (This could include a commentary on its clinical utility and cost effectiveness with attached scientific literature) Please note that more robust information is more likely to get support for funding</p>	

Part 2: To be completed by Wellington SCL

Questions to be completed	Response
Name of Person/s Reviewing this proposal Pathologist: Scientist: Manager:	
Date of review	
Email of reviewer/s	
Details of the Proposal	
Do you agree with the proposal?	
Do you have any concerns regarding the proposal?	
What are the expected initial test numbers? (per year)	
How are the test numbers expected to change over time?	
Is this test being sent away or will it be done in house?	
If this is to be sent away what is the proposed cost per test and therefore the cost per year?	
If it is to be performed in-house what is the marginal cost per year of introducing the test? Will these alter if the volumes increase?	
Do you have any proposed strategies of audit or demand management of the test? (for example, vetting by a pathologist, compulsory clinical details, limited number per year, only available for certain requestors)	
If Approved, how quickly could the test be made available for requestors?	