

A. CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SERVICES TO BE FUNDED SUPRA-REGIONALLY

1. The service should be an established clinical service, not a research or development activity (for which alternative sources of funding exist).
2. There should be a clearly defined group of patients having a clinical need for the service.
3. The benefits of the service should be sufficient to justify its cost when set against alternative uses of NHS funds.
4. The cost should be high enough to make the service a significant burden for the providing regions.
5. Supra-regional funding, as opposed to regional or sub-regional development, should be clearly justified either
 - a. by the small number of potential patients in relation to the minimal viable workload for a centre, or
 - b. by the economic and service benefits of concentrating the service in fewer and larger units shared between regions (this does not include services organised mainly at regional level in which two regions agree on joint provision as a matter of mutual convenience), or
 - c. as an interim measure, by the scarcity of the relevant expertise and/or facilities.
6. The units to be designated should be capable of meeting the total national caseload for England and Wales.

B. INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY PROPOSALS

Note: This is a general guide to the information the Advisory Group will require. Differences in the character of services mean that some variation is inevitable. If the *prima facie* case for funding is accepted, authorities may be asked to amplify the information.

1. Description of service
2. Name of unit providing it
3. Activity in service: number of in-patient cases, day patient cases, out-patient attendances; any other relevant measure of workload.
4. Number and type of staff providing service
5. Number of beds
6. Expenditure on service
7. Breakdown of patients by health district of origin
8. Number of additional patients who could be treated by unit if required
9. Cost of treating additional patients; time required to increase numbers; any special limiting factors.
10. Names of units known to be providing service in other regions.