

In England the funding of NHS treatment is agreed by each local Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), formerly Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). While FES treatment for dropped foot is a National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) approved treatment, each ICB can decide if they will adopt this recommendation and commission FES for their local area. Funding policies vary depending on where the patient lives.

ICBs decide which treatments are funded in their area as well as how funding for treatments is authorised. This information can be found in their commissioning policies. Please contact us for more information about the patient's area.

In order to be referred for NHS funded FES treatment the patient will need to be registered with a GP. The GP's surgery location determines the ICB responsible for the proposed treatment.

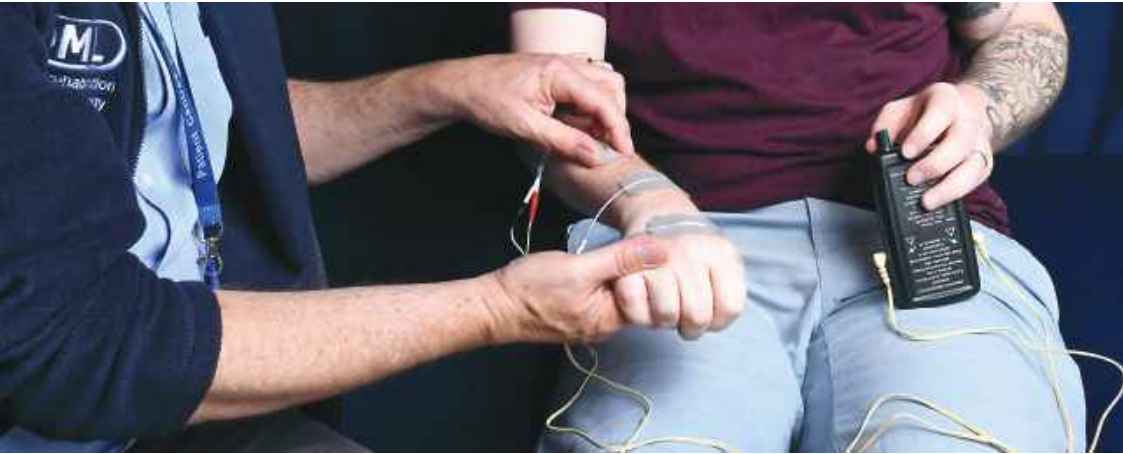
The ICBs policy may be to not routinely fund FES treatment, but funding may be applied for by submitting an Individual Funding Request (IFR). An IFR is a request to fund treatment for an individual that is not routinely commissioned by their local ICB. It is normally submitted by the person responsible for overseeing the treatment, because they believe the clinical circumstances are exceptional, rare or that the patient may receive more clinical benefit from the treatment than other patients with a similar condition.

OML will normally submit an IFR on the patient's behalf after the patient has attended an assessment. The IFR will be triaged by the corresponding ICB and will then go to an IFR panel meeting where a decision to fund the request will be decided. Funding may be declined.

Approval will be required before treatment can begin.

It may be possible to appeal the decision if the patient feels the committee has not followed its procedures properly or if there is new clinical information to support the application.

If funding for FES treatment is not available in the patient's area it is possible to fund the treatment privately.



Funding for FES treatments of upper limb (shoulder, arm or hand) and abdominal conditions are rarely routinely funded but may be applied for by submitting an IFR. If funding for FES treatment is not available in the patient's area it is possible to fund the treatment privately. Some charities may be able to offer assistance with payment towards the patient's FES treatment.

FES treatment at Odstock Medical Limited (OML) is provided as a package, which covers the loan of the stimulator, consumable items (electrodes, leads etc but excluding replacement batteries), all clinic appointments and technical support.

The treatment pathway is the same for both funded and private treatment. This funding information refers to treatment offered at an OML clinic. Different funding systems operate in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Please contact us for treatment package pricing.

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