

Suggestions for a letter requesting appeal against a refusal to fund.

Send to the person who signed the notification of Refusal to fund

I refer to your letters of ( give dates) .....& ..... and I am devastated that the PCT decision of the Individual/Exceptional Case Committee is to refuse funding for the drug sunitinib ( Sutent) , which my Consultant Oncologist wishes to prescribe for me because it is the best treatment available to me to treat my metastatic Kidney Cancer.

I don't feel confident that my application was judged according to the PCT Policy and I am totally confused as to what actual evidence the panel(s) took into account and what documents they were given to inform their decision. Please confirm the dates of each occasion that my applications has been discussed whether by an initial funding panel, review committee/panel, Appeal panel or any other meeting which my application has been discussed. Please confirm who was present at those meetings and provide me the minutes/notes/outcomes of those meetings.

I find the process adopted by the Primary Care Trust to be completely against the principles of natural justice. To a patient coming to terms with a diagnosis of terminal cancer, the process is confusing, it is certainly not transparent and it is stressful beyond belief. I ask you to note, and acknowledge in writing, that I intend to appeal the decision not to fund the drug my Oncologist wants to prescribe for me.

In order to do this I need to know in detail what actual evidence the members of the panel took into account. I need to know that my individual situation was considered by the panel and that my exceptional clinical condition was discussed. If the panel decided that my condition was not exceptional, I need to know the rationale behind this decision and I need to see the meeting notes where this was discussed and noted. I need to know exactly what documents the panel consulted when considering my application. I require all this without delay in order for me to be able to prepare my appeal. Please accept this letter as my formal request for you to make available to me all documents; meeting minutes, correspondence, notes, emails internal and external that were used or consulted by the PCT during the processing of my funding application.

It is difficult to understand how I could expect a fair hearing and a chance to successfully appeal the refusal decision if the facts behind the refusal decision are kept from me. I accept that the PCT may not disclose the names of those people who have judged my application, but I need to know the occupations and qualifications of the panel members involved in the decisions to refuse my application for funding.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter .

Yours Sincerely,

A Patient . email address :

Personal address :