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NN-ICB/25-1229

Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 26 June 2025, regarding Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) for weight loss/obesity. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

**Please find below our response to your request:**

It relates to the provision of Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) for weight loss/obesity in primary care within the ICB area. The drug was approved by NICE on 23 December 2024, with an implementation date 180 days later, as agreed with NHS England (i.e. 23 June 2025).

1. Was Tirzepatide available through primary care services in the ICB area to patients with obesity as of 23 June 2025?

No, although referrals to the appropriate service were available.

2. If not, when will the drug be available?

Expected from 1 August 2025.

3. What criteria does/will the ICB set for determining eligibility for treatment? Please specify BMI level, any additional health criteria, and whether other factors are taken into account, e.g. weight loss required for surgery.

The NHSE funding variation and commissioning guidance, i.e. as defined by NHS England is: BMI > 40 and four of the five defined comorbidities.

4. How many people does the ICB calculate would be eligible for treatment in the first 12 months using the above criteria? If the calculation is based on financial year rather than the first 12 months from implementation date of the guidelines, please specify and use that figure.

The ICB calculates that there are 2,200 people in total eligible, based on the criteria. This is a total number based on eligibility criteria and they will still be eligible beyond 12 months.

5. Is there a cap on how many eligible patients will be treated in the first 12 months/this financial year (please specify time period used)?

There is no cap and the ICB will be monitoring access in line with expected numbers and funding provided by NHSE.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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