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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 9 June 2026, regarding tirzepatide. 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 partially hold the information requested.

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

ICBs are required to meet the costs of funding access to tirzepatide for the treatment of obesity in primary care settings from 23 June 2025 to patient cohorts on a phased basis.

NHS [guidance](#) says cohort 1 - patients with a BMI of 40 or above and four or more qualifying comorbidities - should have been offered access to tirzepatide in 2025/26.

1. How many patients in the ICB area are in cohort 1?

[1,770 eligible patients.](#)

2. How many patients in this cohort have been offered treatment with tirzepatide?

[The ICB does not hold data on the total number of patients who have been offered treatment with tirzepatide.](#)

3. How many have been prescribed tirzepatide?

[223 patients have been prescribed this medicine within our local weight management service.](#)

4. How many have been offered/prescribed alternative weight-loss treatment?

[The ICB does not hold this information as alternative weight loss prescribing decisions are made within primary care services and are not routinely held centrally by the ICB.](#)

[Under our duty to provide advice and assistance, this information may be held by GP practices or primary care providers delivering these services, and you may wish to contact them directly.](#)

NHS [guidance](#) says cohort 2 - patients with a BMI of 40 or above and four or more qualifying comorbidities - should be offered access to tirzepatide in 2026/27.

5. How many patients in the ICB area are in cohort 2?

[1,244 eligible patients.](#)

6. How many patients in this cohort have been offered treatment with tirzepatide?

The ICB does not currently hold centrally recorded data on offers of treatment for this cohort of patients.

7. How many have been prescribed tirzepatide?

The ICB does not hold this information for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for this cohort of patients. This is because prescribing decisions for this cohort of patients are made within primary care services and are not routinely held centrally by the ICB.

Under our duty to provide advice and assistance, this information may be held by GP practices or primary care providers delivering these services.

8. How many have been offered/prescribed alternative weight-loss treatment?

See answer to question 7.

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Yours sincerely

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