

BRIEFING NOTE

PRECIBING MOUNJARO (TIRZEPATIDE) IN GENERAL PRACTICE FOR WEIGHT LOSS

AT PRESENT, AND UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 2025, GENERAL PRACTITIONERS CANNOT PRESCRIBE MOUNJARO (TIRZEPATIDE) FOR WEIGHT LOSS

Although NICE issued guidance in December 2024 that the NHS should provide Mounjaro (tirzepatide) to patients for weight loss from June 2025, presently it is unknown whether NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (NHS LLR) will be arranging for General Practices, Weight Loss Services, or another service to provide this. The service will not start until at least **August**.

NHS England has provided funding for a very limited number of patients to be prescribed tirzepatide (425 in total for this year for the whole of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland).

NHS LLR has also decided that patients cannot be referred for NHS care to Right to Choose providers like '**Oviva**.'

The criteria are very strict (see below - for this year a BMI greater than 40, and at least four qualifying medical problems), but even so the number of eligible patients in LLR will be far in excess of the number being funded.

Patients with any further questions or concerns can contact NHS LLR:

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Year	Estimated Cohort Duration	Cohort	Cohort Access Groups	
			Comorbidities	BMI*
Year 1 2025/6	12 months	I	≥4 'qualifying' comorbidities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Dyslipidaemia • Obstructive Sleep Apnoea • Cardiovascular disease • Type 2 diabetes mellitus 	≥ 40
Year 2 2026/7	9 months	II	≥4 'qualifying' comorbidities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Dyslipidaemia • Obstructive Sleep Apnoea • Cardiovascular disease • Type 2 diabetes mellitus 	35 – 39.9
Year 2/3 2026 and 2027/8	15 months	III	3 'qualifying' comorbidities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Dyslipidaemia • Obstructive Sleep Apnoea • Cardiovascular disease • Type 2 diabetes mellitus 	≥ 40

**Use a lower BMI threshold (usually reduced by 2.5 kg/m2) for people from South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African or African-Caribbean ethnic backgrounds.*

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