

Our Ref: PW/KJJ/FOI/0625/1340

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Sent by email

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Dear Sir/Madam

FOI/0625/1340

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 26th June 2025. We can now confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

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An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website. Please note the ICBs responses in blue.

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 (ie 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, this wasn't available.
- 2. If not, when will the drug be available?*
The drug will be available from the 1st 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, eg weight loss required for surgery.*
Treatment will be for BMI over 40 and at least 4 out of the 5 co-morbidities outlined in the NHSE guidance.
- 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.*
Cohort 1 as per NHSE guidance criteria would be c1700 patients.
- 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)?*
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB does not have a cap on eligible patients for cohort 1, first 12 months of service.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours faithfully

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