



Quick Reference Guide: Clinical Guidelines for Primary Care to Support the Use of Tirzepatide for Weight Management

This document is an extract from the full SY Clinical Guidelines and includes checklists for things you may wish to use on a day today basis:

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Please ensure that you are familiar with the full guidelines. These can be found at:

[SY ICB Medicines Optimisation](#)

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A. Eligibility Criteria for Tirzepatide for Weight Loss in Primary Care

Prior to commencing weight loss medications in primary care NHS South Yorkshire requires the **patient to have had a supported attempt to lose weight within the preceding 24 months**, such as completing a locally commissioned tier 2 service, digital weight management programme or alternatives detailed in appendix 5 of the full clinical guidelines.

Applies to patients in **Cohort two onwards**.

NHSE has agreed a 12 year roll out of tirzepatide in primary care. The **first three priority cohorts**, based on BMI and certain qualifying comorbidities, are given below. Note **lower BMI threshold for people of certain ethnic heritages**.

Primary care MUST NOT move beyond NHSE Priority Cohort One, until informed by the ICB that they can do so.

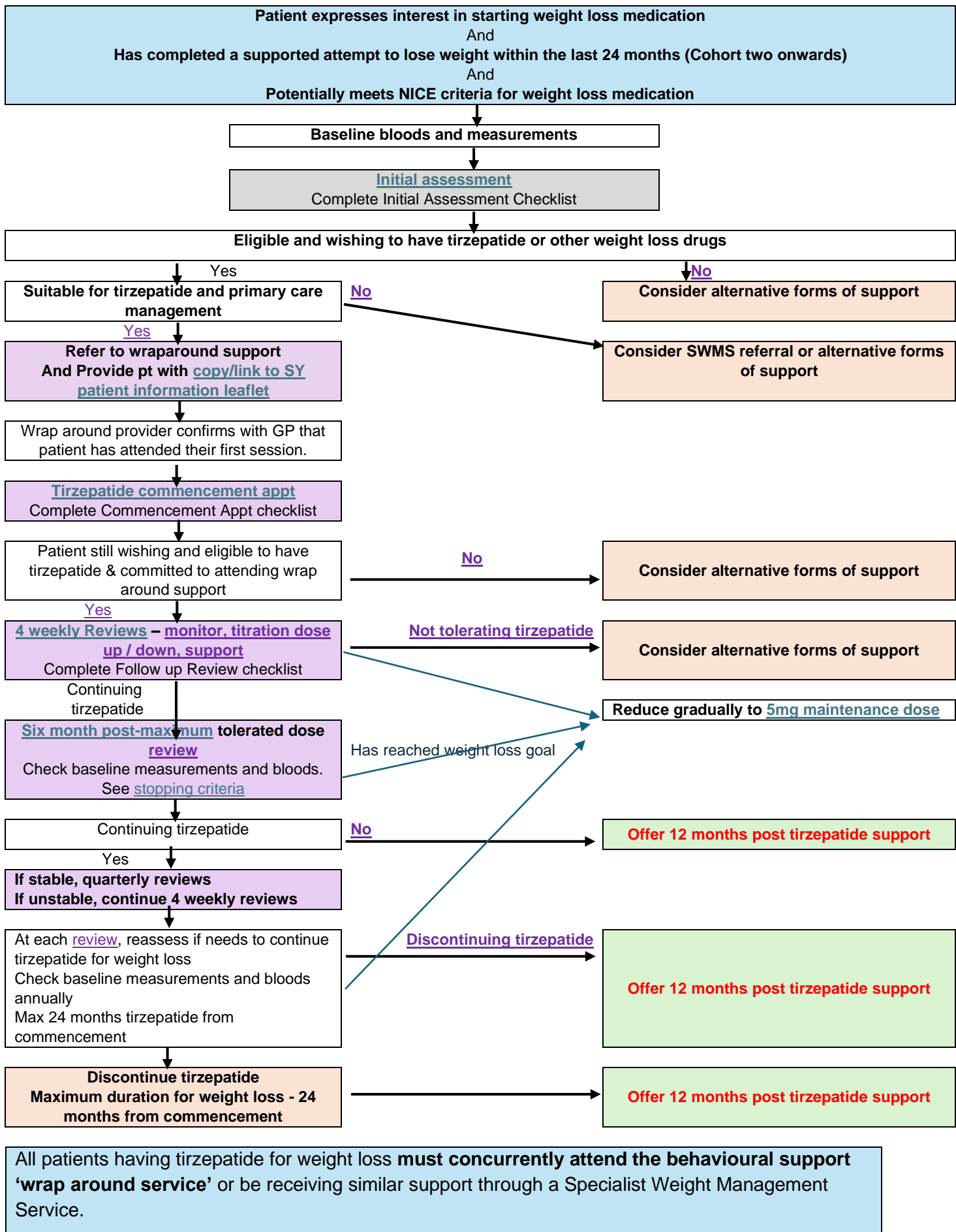
NHSE Priority cohorts for years 1 – 3 ³			
Funding Variation Year*/Cohort	Estimated Cohort Duration	Cohort Access Groups	
		Number of qualifying Comorbidities**	BMI*
Cohort 1 (Year one)	12 months	≥4	≥40
Cohort 2 (Year two)	9 months	≥4	≥35 – 39.9
Cohort 3 (Year 2/3)	15 months	≥3	≥ 40

* Use a lower **BMI threshold** (reduced by 2.5 kg/m²) for people from South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African or African-Caribbean ethnic backgrounds or for people of mixed race if their heritage includes any of the above ethnicities.

Qualifying Comorbidities	Definition
Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)	Established atherosclerotic CVD (ischaemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, heart failure). A patient could have all four diagnoses in the ASCVD definition. However, this would only qualify as one comorbidity
Hypertension	Established diagnosis of hypertension and requiring blood pressure lowering therapy. Also, includes patients diagnosed with hypertension in line with NICE guideline [NG136] who choose not to take BP lowering medication.
Dyslipidaemia	Treated with lipid-lowering therapy, OR with low-density lipoprotein (LDL) ≥ 4.1 mmol/L, OR high-density lipoprotein (HDL) <1.0 mmol/L for men or HDL<1.3 mmol/L for women, Or fasting (where possible) triglycerides ≥1.7 mmol/L Includes patients on lipid lowering therapy (statins) due to higher QRISK even if lipid levels not high at the start of treatment.
Obstructive sleep apnoea	Established diagnosis of OSA (sleep clinic confirmation via sleep study) and treatment indicated i.e. meets criteria for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) or equivalent. NB: need to be eligible for CPAP or equivalent but does not have to be using it.
Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Established type 2 diabetes mellitus

*People with type 2 diabetes can be prescribed tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) for obesity or for glycaemic management in type 2 diabetes if they meet the criteria set out in the recommendations in either:
a) NICE’s technology appraisal guidance on tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) for managing overweight and obesity (NICE TA1026) or
b) Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) for treating type 2 diabetes (NICE TA924).

B. Primary Care Tirzepatide Pathway Flowchart (Purple text links to Ardens templates)



Do NOT prescribe tirzepatide until the person has **attended their first session of the wrap around support programme**. The wrap around provider will contact GP practices once the patient has attended their first session.

Please ensure that the patient is aware of the following before they start tirzepatide:

- They must attend and engage in the behavioural wraparound support.
 - If a participant misses a session, they will be offered the opportunity to attend a catch-up session.
If they miss two consecutive sessions and do not complete the corresponding catch-up sessions, they will no longer be able to continue with the course, and a letter will be sent to their GP. Tirzepatide must be stopped.
- The practice will regularly review their dose of tirzepatide and whether it is appropriate for them to continue tirzepatide, considering the risks and the benefits of continuing.
- The maximum duration of having tirzepatide in SY is 24 months from the date of commencement.
- The other [stopping criteria](#).

The ICB will fund a **maximum of 24 months** of tirzepatide for weight loss from the date of commencement.

- Unless the patient is on an active waiting list for bariatric surgery.
- If the patient still has type two diabetes after losing weight, they may continue on a maintenance dose of 2.5-5mg of tirzepatide (depending in HbAc1).

If the **weight loss goal has been achieved before the 24-month treatment period** ends, reduce the dose to a 5mg maintenance dose. A gradual dose reduction is preferable. If weight regain is detected, the patient should be reassessed, and consideration given to up titrating the dose and strengthening diet and physical activity support as needed. Tirzepatide prescribing at this dose may continue until the end of the 24-month treatment period or be stopped in line with [stopping criteria](#).

Patients can only have one cycle of tirzepatide, for up to 24 months from commencement.

Patients who disengage with the programme or put on weight after coming off tirzepatide for weight loss cannot restart it again for weight loss.

C. Tirzepatide Stopping Criteria

Consider stopping tirzepatide:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient has met their weight loss goal - If patient has T2DM, see below. If patient does not have T2DM consider stopping or reducing dose, discontinue within maximum of 24 months.
Tirzepatide must be stopped if:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 5% of the initial weight has been lost after 6 months on the highest tolerated dose, unless any exceptional circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient has been on tirzepatide for weight loss for 24 months since date of commencement (maximum duration) unless the patient is on an active waiting list for bariatric surgery. See below if the patient still has type two diabetes once they have lost weight and reached 24 months.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients do not engage with wraparound care (miss 2 or more sessions in the absence of exceptional circumstances).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who miss more than one review meeting in the absence of exceptional circumstances or do not attend for face-to-face practice/HCP weight at least 3 monthly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who were waiting for bariatric surgery, stop once they have the surgery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clinician and/or patient does not feel the clinical improvement or benefits of the treatment are satisfactory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient develops intolerance, significant side effects or complications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any signs or symptoms of pancreatitis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients become pregnant or are planning pregnancy (discontinue at least 1 month but preferably 3 months before a planned pregnancy).

If a patient **still has type two diabetes** after they have lost weight, they may continue 2.5mg – 5mg (depending on HbA1c control) of tirzepatide or another GLP1-RA in line with local formularies. GLP1-RA/tirzepatide should only be continued for diabetes in line with NICE/local guidance and should be reviewed and de-prescribed if ineffective. In some patients it may be appropriate to consider changing to semaglutide, as semaglutide is the only GLP-1 RA with proven cardioprotective benefits. NICE is currently consulting on new clinical guidelines for type two diabetes and practices are advised to review and consider the new recommendations once the guidelines are published.

NICE Quality Standards for Management of Overweight and Obesity, require patients to be **supported for 12 months after discontinuing weight loss medication**. Practices are asked to ensure that patients continue to monitor their own weight at least monthly and that they are offered / have access to **routine primary care weight loss support** e.g. from Health and Well-being coaches, during this period, with clinicians informed if the patient's weight starts to increase. Patients should be encouraged to keep appropriate weighing scales at home and to report weight increase, which would trigger a follow-up review.

D. Recommended Appointment Schedule

Stage pathway	Mins	First 12 months (4 weekly)													Second 12 months (quarterly)			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3	6	9	12
Initial Assessment	30																	
Baseline measurements	10																	
Commencement app	30																	
Reviews & titration	15																	
6 months max tolerated review	20																	
Maintenance reviews	15																	
Measurements/bloods	10																	
Annual review	20																	

NB: The timing of the six months post maximum tolerated dose review will vary between patients depending on how quickly they have been titrated and the maximum dose achieved.

The appts coloured:

- Blue** must be **face to face** appts (unless exceptional circumstances).
- Green** - for the remaining **4 weekly reviews**, it is up to clinical judgement and patient wishes as to whether **some of them could be done remotely**, with the patient recording their weight 4 weekly either at home or in the practice (e.g. if the practice has a weighing scale in the waiting room). But as a **minimum, the patient must be reviewed face to face and have a HCP recorded weight documented at least three monthly**.
- Orange** - If continuing tirzepatide **beyond the six-month maximum tolerated review**, a minimum of quarterly reviews face to face with HCP recorded weights are needed.

Bloods and baseline measurements may be undertaken by a healthcare assistant. All other appointments must be undertaken by **appropriately trained and qualified prescribing health care professionals**.

Mode of delivery

The following appointments must be done **face-to-face** (unless there are exceptional circumstances):

- Initial assessment and commencement appointment
- First 2 four weekly reviews
- Six-month maximum tolerated dose review.

After the first 2 four weekly reviews, it is up to clinical judgement and patient wishes as to whether some of the four weekly reviews could be done remotely, with the patient recording their weight either at home or in the practice 4 weekly (e.g. if the practice has a weighing scale in the waiting room). But as a **minimum, the patient must be reviewed face to face and have a HCP recorded weight documented at least three monthly**.

If continuing tirzepatide **beyond the six-month maximum tolerated review**, a minimum of quarterly reviews face to face with HCP recorded weights are needed. Reviews will need to be more frequent if the patient is unstable (see full clinical guidelines).

Bloods and baseline measurements may be undertaken by a healthcare assistant. All other appointments must be undertaken by **appropriately trained and qualified prescribing health care professionals**.

E. Pathway Checklists

Many of the hyperlinks in the checklists have been removed in the quick reference guide as we have not included all of the background information that they link to in the quick reference guide. Please ensure that you have read and are fully familiar with the full clinical guidelines.

Provide the patient with a copy or a link to the [South Yorkshire patient information leaflet](#).

1. Initial Assessment Before Prescribing Tirzepatide

Action / assessment	Completed
Baseline measurements and assessments	
• Height	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Weight	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Calculate BMI	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Bloods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lipids, HbA1c, blood glucose ○ Others depending on history/examination (e.g., renal, LFT, FBC, TFT, Folate, B12, ferritin/iron). 	<input type="checkbox"/>
• If diabetic, confirm if eye screening is in date and ensure that all nine key diabetes care processes are up to date , if not ensure they are completed before commencing tirzepatide. See appendix three of the full clinical guidelines for advice regarding starting tirzepatide in people with retinopathy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eligibility for tirzepatide:	
• SY Pre-requisite: Has the person completed a supported weight loss programme (equivalent to a tier two programme) in the preceding 24 months (see appendix 5 of full clinical guidelines). Not needed for cohort one patients.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Meets current or previous NHSE priority cohort being implemented in SY or any other SYICB primary care priority cohorts (information on these will be provided separately if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Commitment to engage with reduced-calorie diet, increased physical activity and wraparound care. Advise that tirzepatide will be stopped if not engaging with wraparound care for the duration of the programme.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability for tirzepatide:	
• Pregnancy status (do not use in pregnancy or if planning pregnancy), counsel on contraception	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Contraindications, including past history of pancreatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Cautions	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Thyroid function tests if clinically indicated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical history:	
• Identify weight-related comorbidities including those currently undiagnosed, especially consider undiagnosed OSA. Manage co-morbidities in line with relevant guidance prior to commencing weight loss intervention ² . For patients with diabetes see below and appendix 3 of the full clinical guidelines.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Other comorbidities – consider if causing weight gain.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Consider whether any evidence of frailty, malnutrition or impaired mobility/muscle weakness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Psychological assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Consider undiagnosed eating disorders. If an eating disorder is suspected, assess the person in line with the section on identification and assessment in the	<input type="checkbox"/>

NICE guideline on eating disorders . Refer to local eating disorder services if suspected. A screening tool for binge eating can be found here. Patients with suspected/ a recent history of binge eating disorder should be referred to SYEDA for assessment and therapy but may be considered for tirzepatide once therapy is complete. Seek A&G as needed.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concomitant medication (be aware of medicines which may cause weight gain and those that may need adjusting if starting tirzepatide) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss previous private treatment for weight loss and any history of weight loss medication or bariatric surgery 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared decision making	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore with patient how the excess weight is affecting them. Discuss their expectations and weight loss goals. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counsel on risk of pancreatitis (advise tirzepatide will be stopped and cannot be restarted if this develops) and other side effects. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that tirzepatide should be stopped at least 1 month before (but preferably at least 3 months) pregnancy and not used during pregnancy. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counsel about the uncertainty of the absorption of OCP and the need for alternative forms of contraception. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise no long-term follow-up studies have been published on the safety or outcomes of using tirzepatide for weight loss. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that weight regain is likely after stopping tirzepatide unless they make changes to diet and levels of physical activity. Tirzepatide will be stopped if they do not engage in the wraparound support programme. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise dose of tirzepatide will be regularly reviewed and titrate up/down based on how well tolerating, rate of weight loss and whether reached weight loss goal. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of the stop criteria and that maximum duration of tirzepatide for weight loss in SY is 24 months from commencement. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and consider overall risks and benefits of being on tirzepatide. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management plan	
Patient eligible and suitable for tirzepatide in primary care	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient wishing to proceed with tirzepatide in primary care. Do <u>not</u> use 'Commenced NHS weight loss pathway' code until tirzepatide is prescribed and wraparound support has commenced (i.e. following the commencement appointment).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral made for wraparound support This code will be used for the stage one LES payment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree with patient that the patient will contact the practice to make the commencement appointment once they have had their first session of the wrap around support programme (the practice will also be contacted direct by the wraparound provider that the patient has attended their first session).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication plan made (to be enacted when the person starts tirzepatide), that includes any changes that will be needed to existing medications and their monitoring; any changes to contraception	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dietary and physical activity advice given	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide patient with copy of / link to the SY weight loss medication patient leaflet	<input type="checkbox"/>
A&G to be obtained (tick if A&G sought):	
a) Advice needed on patient suitability	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Advice needed on medication changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral made to (tick if referral made):	
a) SWMS - Patient has complex needs that require full MDT support	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) SWMS – Patient specifically requested alternative wt loss medication not able to be prescribed in primary care	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) SWMS – Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Diabetes specialist nurses/consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Eating disorder service	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Mental health / psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Sleep apnoea investigations or services	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Other medical or surgical specialities	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Social prescribing	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Exercise on referral or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Physiotherapy / OT	<input type="checkbox"/>
SNOMED codes	
<p>Please ensure that the following are accurately coded (needed to ensure eligibility of practice payment for the LES and NHSE reporting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height, weight, BMI • Weight related comorbidities • If the patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ was referred to the National Health Service Obesity Wraparound Support Pathway (procedure) 2386201000000107) ○ was unsuitable for the NHS obesity medication pathway (2386221000000103) ○ declined the obesity pathway (23862410000000105) • Demographic details including ethnicity • Whether they are on SMI and / or LD registers 	

Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

1. Consider [pathway to remission](#) for patients diagnosed within the past 6 years.
2. Advise patients that weight loss on tirzepatide will be less and slower than in non-diabetic patients. See [NICE discussion guide](#) for infographics.
3. Ensure all nine care processes are up to date. See appendix three of the full clinical guidelines regarding diabetic retinopathy and the initiation of tirzepatide.
4. If baseline test show previously undiagnosed T2DM, start metformin in line with [NG28](#). Tirzepatide may be initiated concurrently for obesity.
5. Advise patients that if tirzepatide is de-prescribed or not tolerated then other GLP1-RA will only be prescribed for obesity by Specialist Weight Management Services, or for diabetes in line with [NG28](#) and local formularies.
6. Consider interactions, and need to change dose, of insulin or sulfonylureas (see full clinical guidelines).
7. Patients must engage with wraparound care even if they have previously attended NDPP/structured education for diabetes.
8. For advice on how to swap from one GLP-1 TA to tirzepatide and back, seek specialist advice and guidance.

2. Commencing Tirzepatide Appointment (once patient has attended their first wraparound session).

Where there has been a significant delay between [initial assessment](#) and commencement of tirzepatide, consider repeating [baseline tests](#) and the [initial assessment](#) to highlight new contra-indications or interactions.

Commencing tirzepatide checklist	Completed
Review history and initial assessment . Confirm not pregnant.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm patient still wishes to start tirzepatide	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check patient has attended the first wrap around session . Wraparound care to started (date)____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dietary and nutritional assessment	
Assess and discuss the patients current:	
• Dietary intake	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Levels/type of physical activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide personalised:	
• Dietary advice for a reduced calorie diet (considering requirements of someone on tirzepatide)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Advice to increase physical activity (including increasing resistance exercise)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goal setting:	
• Enquire as to why they want to lose weight and use to inform setting of:	
○ Weight loss goal	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ Advise patient and record their 5% weight loss target	_____
○ Personal goals	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ Comorbidity goals. Ensure appropriate referrals have been made.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tirzepatide administration	
• How to administer injections	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Dose to administer	<input type="checkbox"/>
• How to handle, store and dispose of sharps waste	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Prescribe 5l sharps bin and formulary needles	
Concomitant medication:	
• Additional contraceptive measures	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Adjustment of concomitant medications for comorbidities (if control changes with weight loss)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Advice on OTC vitamin and mineral supplementation - if any likelihood of reduced intake advise patient to obtain OTC supplements that include 100% of daily requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy:	
• Pregnancy and planning pregnancy (tirzepatide should not be used in pregnancy and should be stopped at least 1 month but ideally 3 months before a planned pregnancy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adverse effects:	
• Acute pancreatitis symptoms requiring immediate help (sudden, severe stomach pain)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gastrointestinal adverse effects and staying hydrated	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Risk of pulmonary aspiration ⁸ during general anaesthesia or deep sedation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow up and monitoring:	
• Frequency of follow up – advise dose may not be increased each time	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise people with a BMI below 35 kg/m² to measure their waist, calculate their waist-to-height ratio and bring the results to their next appointment (following the advice in box 1 in the NICE guideline on overweight and obesity management) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind possible duration of treatment and why it might be stopped, including the maximum duration prescribing for weight loss of 24 months from commencement <p>Advise that people who stop tirzepatide there is no long-term data for what happens to weight after stopping it however they are likely to regain the weight they had lost⁴. With a similar medicine, people usually regain weight lost during treatment within 2 years of stopping it, and weight regain is likely to be greatest in the first year after stopping.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient commencing NHS weight management pathway (i.e. commencing tirzepatide for weight loss). 	Yes/no
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescription given for tirzepatide, needles and sharps bin. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce need to attend wraparound support. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication plan enacted, including any changes to contraception. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for monitoring of any comorbidities that will be impacted by weight loss and the patient understands the need for increased monitoring of these e.g. BP, diabetes. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If appropriate, inform diabetes specialist team patient is commencing tirzepatide. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise the patient on how they can seek help/advice between appointments. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide patient with copy of/link SY weight loss medication patient leaflet and go through the steps they can take to decrease side effects. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next appointment date 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referrals made: As per for initial appointment 	

**One tirzepatide pen will last for four weeks.
28 day prescribing is recommended.**

SNOMED codes for commencement appointment	
<p>Please ensure the following are accurately coded (needed for practice LES payment and NHSE returns):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight, BMI Weight loss goal Whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Health Service obesity medication pathway started (situation) 2386231000000101 was unsuitable for the NHS obesity medication pathway (2386221000000103) declined the obesity pathway (2386241000000105) 	

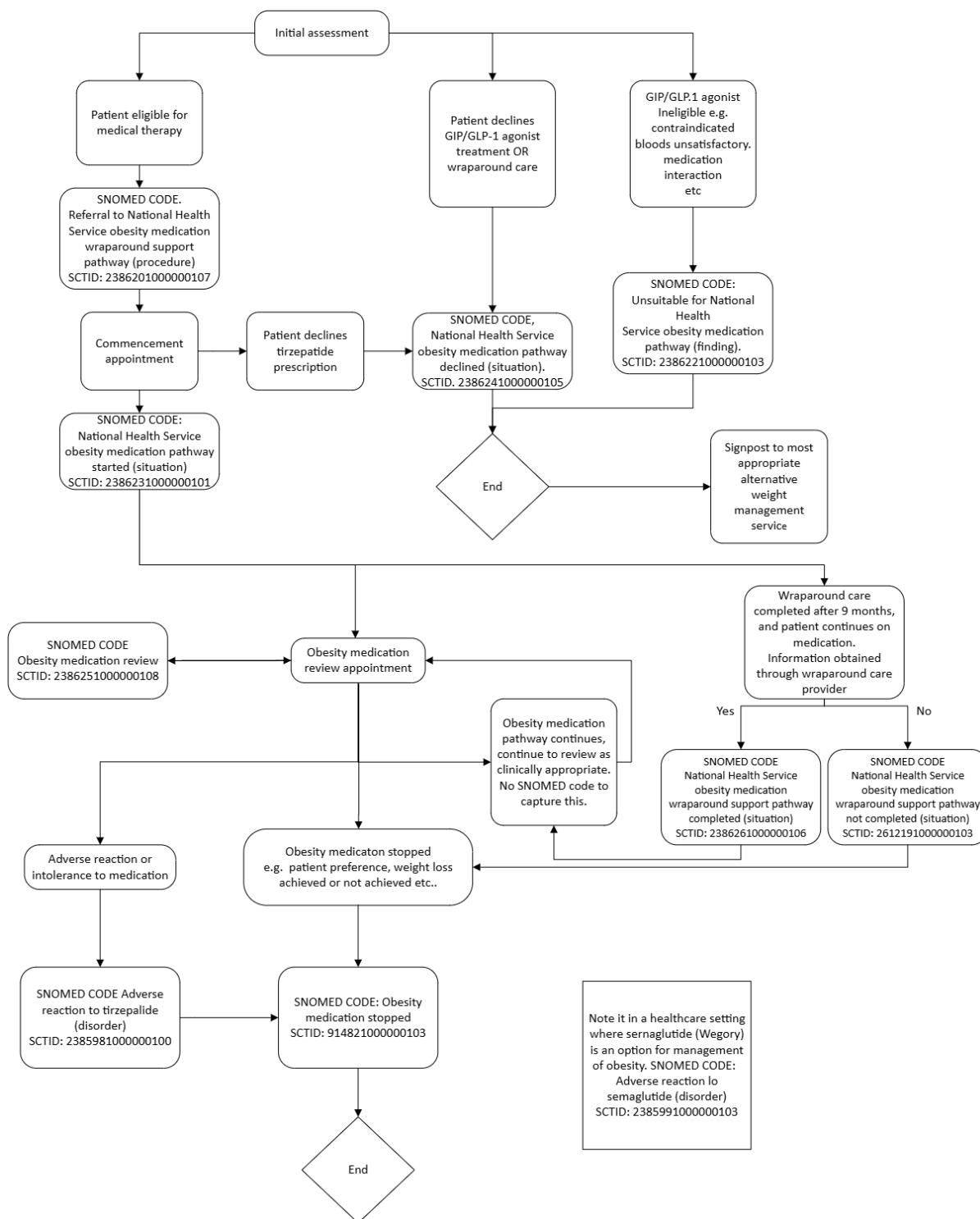
3. Follow Up and Monitoring – 4 weekly, six months post-maximum tolerated dose and quarterly reviews.

Action/Counselling	Completed
Physical measurements and assessments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate BMI and waist circumference if BMI <35 kg/m². Advise people with a BMI below 35 kg/m² to measure their waist, calculate their waist-to-height ratio and bring the results to their next appointment (following the advice in box 1 in the NICE guideline on overweight and obesity management) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood pressure 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other assessments to measure comorbidities 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate percentage weight loss from baseline 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact and progress in terms of initial goals set – encourage to discuss positive impacts seen 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weight loss has been less than expected, explore the possible reasons why. Note: People with type two diabetes tend to lose weight slower than people who do not have type two diabetes. If the weight loss has been greater than expected, consider other causes for the weight loss e.g. cancer. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any psychological issues 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any difficulties with the injections 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any adverse effects (report suspected reactions to the MHRA Yellow Card reporting site⁹). Manage if required, for example, no dose titration, dose reduction, dietary/hydration advice, short term pharmacological management). Practical advice for patients e.g. on managing GI side effects can be found in the SY weight loss medication leaflet. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutritional intake. If any concerns about inadequate micronutrient intake advise patient to take OTC vitamin and mineral supplement (that provides 100% of daily recommended intake). 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any additional support required with reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at wraparound support. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any plans for pregnancy (tirzepatide should not be used in pregnancy and should be stopped at least 1 month before a planned pregnancy). Confirm pregnancy status if appropriate. Review contraception. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional contraceptive measures if required. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity advice. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce engagement with wraparound care. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider impact on weight related comorbidities (e.g. diabetes, hypertension) and whether any changes are needed to their management. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust concomitant medication plan as needed, considering dose and need for monitoring of those with oral narrow therapeutic window and whether alternative contraception is needed. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review any weight loss in the context of the safe and sustainable weight loss goals set at the initial assessment. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and agree with patient whether continuing tirzepatide and any change in tirzepatide dose, considering weight loss, side effects and duration been on tirzepatide. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and refer, if required, to other services (for example, social care, physiotherapy, other physical or mental health support). 	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Review after 6 months on highest tolerated dose and annual reviews:	
Repeat baseline measurements and bloods:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate BMI 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waist circumference if BMI < 35 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood pressure 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bloods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lipids, HbA1c, blood glucose Others depending on history/examination (eg renal, LFT, FBC, TFT, Folate, B12, ferritin/iron). 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review as per 4 weekly /quarterly reviews above	
Plus:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has at least a 5% weight reduction been achieved 	Y/ N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If < 5%, discuss with the person the reasons why weight loss may have been less than desired. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If less than 5% of weight loss compared to baseline, stop tirzepatide (unless there are exceptional circumstances). <p>Explain to the person that, at this rate of weight loss, the risk of adverse effects continues while any benefits are minimal.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree next step (continue at current dose, continue at a different dose or stop prescription). <p>If stopping, then reinforce continued adherence to physical and dietary changes and / or consider alternative options or referral.</p> <p>Provide primary care based support (e.g. by Health and Wellbeing coaches) for a year after people stop weight loss medications.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SNOMED Codes for reviews	
<p>Please ensure that the following are accurately coded (needed to trigger practice LES payment and NHSE reporting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight, waist to height circumference • % weight loss to baseline • Review of anti-obesity drug therapy (regime/therapy) 2386251000000108 • If applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anti-obesity drug therapy discontinued (situation) 914821000000103 ○ Adverse reaction to tirzepatide (disorder) 2385981000000100 • NHS obesity medication wraparound support programme completed (situation) 23862610000000106 (If the pt has completed the 9 month programme) • NHS obesity medication wraparound support programme NOT completed (situation) 2612191000000103 (If the pt does NOT complete the 9-month wrap around programme) 	

F. SNOMED Consultation Flow Chart



G. Codes Embedded within Ardens Template

Not eligible for or declined tirzepatide

SNOMED CODE: National Health Service obesity medication pathway declined (situation) SCTID. 2386241000000105

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SNOMED CODE: Referral to National Health Service obesity medication wraparound support pathway (procedure): SCTID: 2386201000000107

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BMI

Weight Kg
 Height m
 BMI Kg/m²

Ethnic recording codes

Co-morbidities

Atherosclerotic CVD ☐

Hypertension on therapy ☐

Dyslipidaemia ☐

OSA + treatment indicated ☐

DM Type 2 ☐

Eligibility

Cohort I - BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbidities ☐

Cohort II - BMI 35-39.9 (or 32.5-37.4 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbidities ☐

Cohort III - BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 3 comorbidities ☐

Treatment not indicated - eligibility criteria not met ☐

Management ★ Medication pathway

Wraparound support

Referral to NHS obesity medication wraparound support pathway (YcJWQ)

The screenshot shows the 'NHS Obesity Medication Pathway - Assessment' form. The 'Assessment' section includes fields for Weight (kg), Height (cm), Body Mass Index (Calculate), Ethnic category (dropdown), At risk ethnicity (text), and Co-morbidities (dropdown). The 'Eligibility' section has checkboxes for Cohort I, Cohort II, Cohort III, and Treatment not indicated, each with associated BMI criteria. The 'Management' section includes dropdowns for Medication pathway and Wraparound support. A red arrow points to the 'Wraparound support' dropdown menu.

Tirzepatide commencement appointment (Patient still wishing & eligible to have tirzepatide & committed to attending wraparound support)
SNOMED CODE: National Health Service obesity medication pathway started (situation) SCTID: 2386231000000101

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BMI

Weight Kg

Height m

BMI Kg/m²

Ethnic recording codes

Vitals & Lifestyle

BMI Calculator...

'At risk' ethnicity = South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Black African or African-Caribbean

Co-morbidities

Atherosclerotic CVD ☐ IHD, CVA/TIA, PAD, HF

Hypertension on therapy ☐

Dyslipidaemia ☐ On LLT OR LDL ≥ 4.1 OR HDL < 1.0 for men or HDL fasting (where possible) triglycerides ≥ 1.7

OSA + treatment indicated ☐

DM Type 2 ☐ May meet criteria for treatment with DM2 alone

Eligibility

Cohort I - BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbidities ☐

Cohort II - BMI 35-39.9 (or 32.5-37.4 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbidities ☐

Cohort III - BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 3 comorbidities ☐

Treatment not indicated - eligibility criteria not met ☐

Management Medication pathway

Wraparound support

A NHS obesity medication pathway started (YcJWt)

B NHS obesity medication pathway declined (YcJWU)

C Unsuitable for NHS obesity medication pathway (YcJWR)

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Assessment

Weight kg No previous t

Height cm No previous t

Body Mass Index Calculate No previous t

Ethnic category No previous t

At risk ethnicity = South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African or African-Caribbean

Co-morbidities

Eligibility

☐ Cohort I Text BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbid

☐ Cohort II Text BMI 35-39.9 (or 32.5-37.4 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 4 comorbid

☐ Cohort III Text BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 37.5 if at risk ethnicity) + ≥ 3 comorbid

☐ Treatment not indicated Text Eligibility criteria not met

Management

Medication pathway No previous t

Wraparound support No previous t

A NHS obesity medication pathway started

B NHS obesity medication pathway declined

C Unsuitable for NHS obesity medication pathway

Reviews

SNOMED CODE: Obesity medication review: SCTID: 2386251000000108

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Assessment

☒ Obesity medication review ☐ Phlebotomy ☐ Tirzepatide Letter - O...

Adverse reaction

Weight Kg

Height m

BMI Kg/m²

Target weight Kg

Weight loss %

Target achieved as $\geq 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months ☐

Target not achieved as $< 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months ☐

Management

NHS obesity medication pathway ☐

Anti-obesity drug therapy continued - target achieved ☐

Anti-obesity drug therapy discontinued - target not achieved ☐

Anti-obesity drug therapy discontinued - adverse drug reaction ☐

HbA1c mmol/mol

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Age 18 years+

☒ Obesity medication review

Adverse reaction

Weight kg

Height cm

BMI Calculate

Target weight kg

Weight loss percentage %

☐ Target achieved Text - as $\geq 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months

☐ Target not achieved Text - as $< 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months

Management

☐ NHS obesity medication pathway Text

☐ Advice to continue medication Text - target achieved

☐ Obesity medication stopped Text - target not achieved

☐ Obesity medication stopped Text - adverse drug reaction

SNOMED CODE: Obesity medication stopped SCTID: 914821000000103

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NHS Obesity Medication Pathway - Medication Review Age 18 years+

Assessment

☐ Obesity medication review

☐ Adverse reaction

☐ Weight

☐ Height

☐ BMI

☐ Target weight

☐ Weight loss percentage

☐ Target achieved

☐ Target not achieved

Management

☐ NHS obesity medication pathway

☐ Advice to continue medication

☐ Obesity medication stopped

☐ Obesity medication stopped

Adverse reaction

A Adverse reaction to GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist)

B Adverse reaction to GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist)

C Adverse reaction to tirzepatide

D Adverse reaction to semaglutide

E Adverse reaction to liaglutide

Weight loss percentage

as >=5% weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 mont

Target achieved

target achieved

Obesity medication stopped

adverse drug reaction

Reviews and tirzepatide stopped

SNOMED CODE: Obesity medication stopped SCTID: 914821000000103 (Please note this is the code that will be added to the patient record when choosing the option shown below despite the template stating 'target not achieved')

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Assessment


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Adverse reaction 


Weight Kg 


Height m 


BMI Kg/m² 


Target weight Kg 


Weight loss % 

Record baseline and after 6 months 


BMI Calculator... 


Calculator 


Target achieved as $\geq 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months ☐ 


Target not achieved as $< 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months ☐ 


Management

NHS obesity medication pathway ☐ 

Anti-obesity drug therapy continued - target achieved ☐ 

Anti-obesity drug therapy discontinued - target not achieved ☐ 

Anti-obesity drug therapy discontinued - adverse drug reaction ☐ 

HbA1c mmol/mol 

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NHS Obesity Medication Pathway - Medication Review Age 18 years+

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Obesity medication review ☐ 

Adverse reaction 

Weight kg 

Height cm 

BMI 

Target weight kg 

Weight loss percentage % 

Calculate 

Target achieved ☐ Text $\geq 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months 

Target not achieved ☐ Text $< 5\%$ weight loss at max tolerated dose for 6 months 

Management

NHS obesity medication pathway ☐ Text 

Advice to continue medication ☐ Text - target achieved 

Obesity medication stopped ☐ Text - target not achieved 

Obesity medication stopped ☐ Text - adverse drug reaction 

H. Useful Resources

SYICB IMOC:

SYICB (2025) Amber G Guidance Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) Kwikpen in adults 18 years and over with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

<https://mot.southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/south-yorkshire/files/South%20Yorkshire%20Guideline%20Tirzepatide%20in%20Diabetes.pdf>

NICE:

- NG246 Overweight and Obesity Management, <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng246/chapter/Medicines-and-surgery#medicines-for-overweight-and-obesity>.
- Technology Appraisal 1026 Tirzepatide for managing overweight and obesity. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta1026>
- NICE tools and resources to support TA 1026:
 - Tirzepatide a discussion aid for healthcare professionals and patients
 - A practical guide to using medicines to manage overweight and obesity
 - [Tools and resources | Tirzepatide for managing overweight and obesity | Guidance | NICE](#)
- Technology Appraisal 924. Tirzepatide for treating type 2 diabetes. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta924/chapter/3-Committeediscussion>
- NG28 Type 2 diabetes in adults: management. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28/chapter/Recommendations>.
- NG202 (2021) Obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnoea syndrome and obesity hypoventilation syndrome in over 16s, <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng202>
- NG68 Eating disorders: recognition and treatment

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng69/chapter/Recommendations#identification-and-assessment>

NHSE:

- NHS England Interim Commissioning Guidance. Implementation of the NICE Technology Appraisal TA1026 and the NICE funding variation for tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) for the management of obesity. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/PRN01879-interim-commissioning-guidance-implementation-of-the-nice-technology-appraisal-ta1026-and-the-NICE-fu.pdf>.

MHRA:

- Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Authority. Yellow card reporting site. Available online at [Yellow Card | Making medicines and medical devices safer](#)

Summary product characteristics:

- Summary of Product Characteristics: Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) 2.5mg solution for injection. <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/15481/smpc>