

Ref: FOI/00470/CMICB
18 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Weight Loss Pens**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

How can I access weight loss pens on the nhs

Our Response:

Please find listed below the current prescribing recommendations of weight loss injections on the NHS for patients in Cheshire & Merseyside ICB as detailed on the Cheshire / Pan Mersey Formularies:

- [Liraglutide \(Saxenda\)](#) is recommended for prescribing, by a specialist multidisciplinary weight management service, in accordance with the recommendations in NICE TA664.
- [Semaglutide \(Wegovy\)](#) is not currently recommended because the Wegovy brand isn't commercially available in the UK, and therefore cannot be prescribed. Refer to the holding statement for [SEMAGLUTIDE injection \(Wegovy ®▼\) for managing overweight and obesity](#) for further information.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.