

# IMPORTANT NOTICE:

## Updated guidance for Semaglutide-Wegovy-Ozempic

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Wegovy, the Ozempic for weight loss, is now available in the UK. In the UK medicines are licensed by the UK regulator, MHRA, according to the condition they are treating. The MHRA have licensed Wegovy for weight loss and Ozempic for diabetes. UK regulators require all patients to be given the licensed version of a medicine when available.

**If Wegovy is available, all Pharmacy Planet weight loss patients will be transitioned from Ozempic to Wegovy.**

Both Wegovy and Ozempic are manufactured by the same company and contain the same ingredient. Wegovy is used and taken in the same way as Ozempic and only differs in its licensing and patient information leaflet that you will receive.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### I want Ozempic, what is Wegovy?

All UK medicines are licensed by the UK regulator according to the condition they treat. Both Ozempic and Wegovy contain the exactly the same drug, Semaglutide. However, Ozempic is licensed to treat diabetes, and Wegovy is licensed for weight loss.

### Can I carry on with Ozempic?

If you are using Ozempic for weight loss, you will need to be switched to Wegovy (if available). UK clinicians will always prescribe a licensed medicine if it is available.

### What is the difference between Wegovy and Ozempic?

Nothing. Both contain the drug Semaglutide and are identical in their composition.

### Will they work the same?

Yes, the medicine in both Ozempic and Wegovy is identical and works in exactly the same way.

### Is it made by the same company?

Yes, both Wegovy and Ozempic are manufactured by Novo Nordisk.

### Why is Ozempic more popular?

Ozempic was originally developed and licensed for diabetes. When its weight loss abilities became known, Novo Nordisk developed Wegovy specifically for use in weight loss.

### Which is better for weight loss?

Wegovy is better. While the medicine itself is the same, treatment with Wegovy progresses to much higher levels than Ozempic. Ozempic is not manufactured in these higher strengths and treatment reaches its maximum dose at 1mg. Wegovy progresses to doses of 1.7 and 2.4mg leading to greater weight loss.

### Will switching from Ozempic to Wegovy affect my progress?

Your treatment will not be affected. Wegovy contains the same ingredient and is more effective as it allows patients to move to higher doses resulting in greater weight loss.

### I'm still not sure, where can I find more information?

You can read more about Ozempic and Wegovy from the UK regulator [HERE](#).