

## Shortage of Semaglutide (Ozempic®) 1mg/0.74ml and 0.5mg/0.37ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable device

### Shortage information

Timelines associated with semaglutide (Ozempic®) availability have been updated – supplies of both 1mg and 0.5mg strengths are likely to be intermittent until late January 2024.

### Prescribing in NHS Grampian

92 patients are currently prescribed semaglutide 1mg/0.74ml solution or 0.5mg/0.37ml injection.

### Stock information & availability

- Supplies are not out of stock, but intermittent.
- Novo Nordisk have quotas in situ for supplies.
- Where supplies are challenging pharmacies should contact Alliance to discuss in the first instance or contact Novocare helpline on 0800 023 2573.

### Actions for primary care

- No proactive switching should be undertaken.
- Where it has been confirmed that stock cannot be procured clinicians should review information below and attached to decide on the most appropriate course of action. Any changes to prescribing should be for the duration of the shortage only.
- If further advice is required please contact senior diabetes medical team via standard SCI gateway referral process or diabetes specialist nurses on 01224 559977 (Monday – Friday, 0900-1300).

### Prescribing alternatives

*The diabetes specialist service have been consulted regarding this shortage and provided the following information:*

- An alternative GLP1 should be considered:
  - dulaglutide solution for injection: weekly or
  - exenatide solution for injection: weekly
- Most GLP1 will have similar effects however due to potential differences in efficacy between the different GLP1's glycaemic control should be reviewed after any change.
- Further details can be found on the Specialist Pharmacy Service shortage update ([linked](#) and attached).

### Actions for community pharmacy

- Efforts should be made to locate stock for patient, this may include contacting other pharmacies.
- Where supplies of Ozempic® cannot be sourced for a patient:
  - Contact Alliance to discuss in the first instance (quotas in place)
  - Alternatively contact Novocare helpline on 0800 023 2573 for further support.
- Where there is a likelihood that supplies will not be procured to ensure a continued supply of medication to the patient, contact should be made with the patients prescriber as soon as possible to discuss an alternative.