

CURIA / UKHLSI

Obesity Working Group 2025–27:

From Policy Ambition to NHS Delivery

An ongoing programme from [Curia](#) commissioned by [UK Healthcare and Life Sciences Innovation \(UKHLSI\)](#), turning obesity research, regional NHS collaboration, and national policy engagement into a route towards scalable care.

OUR APPROACH

Convene the right leaders. Build an evidence-based pathway. Make the investment case.

A TRACK RECORD WITH TANGIBLE OUTPUTS

2025	NATIONAL AGENDA Following a Parliamentary Obesity Summit, Curia published Shaping a Healthier Future. Findings were launched with Health Innovation Manchester and by Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. The programme called for obesity to be treated as a chronic condition, backed by integrated medicines, digital and behavioural support, and a stronger economic case for investment.
FEB 2026	YORKSHIRE PATHWAY WORK At our Barnsley North of England NHS Innovation Summit, Mayor Oliver Coppard joined regional NHS leaders. An obesity sprint led by Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE applied Yorkshire pathway experience and the existing More Than Weight evidence to produce a draft implementation and system-readiness strategy.
JUN–OCT 2026	FROM LOCAL LEARNING TO TREASURY UKHLSI and Curia convened the Parliamentary Obesity Summit to test implementation lessons and the case for scale. The resulting From Access to Outcomes report set out Strategic Innovation Gateways; a formal submission to HM Treasury (2 October) sought invest-to-save support, independent evaluation, and a route to wider NHS adoption.

EVIDENCE CURIA PUT FORWARD AND RELATED OUTCOMES WE HAVE SEEN

£6.16bn ANNUAL REGIONAL COST Estimated total across West Yorkshire, Humber and North Yorkshire from More Than Weight.	£350m PLANNED NHS PROCUREMENT NHS Healthier You behavioural support and prevention programme; planning-stage value.	£85m OBESEITY INNOVATION PROGRAMME OPIP funding announced in 2025–6: up to £50m from UK government and £35m from Eli Lilly.
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*National funding and commissioning announcements are consistent with themes advocated in our work; they are not claimed as decisions caused by Curia or UKHLSI. Data received through IQVIA and set out a more advantageous opportunity for UK GVA than other models.

WHAT COMES NEXT – AND WHY ORGANISATIONS ARE JOINING

DELIVERY PLATFORM Continue Strategic Innovation Gateways with NHS systems: pathway diagnostics, 90-day implementation plans, shared outcomes, and robust evaluation to establish what can scale.	NATIONAL POLICY ENGAGEMENT Take an integrated health-and-productivity case into conversations with HM Treasury, DHSC, the NHS and DWP-linked Keep Britain Working stakeholders.
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JOIN THE NEXT PHASE – UKHLSI Obesity Working Group meets 4 December 2026.

Explore UKHLSI membership and opportunities to contribute to evidence-led NHS delivery. bmcdermott@ukhlsi.co.uk

[Evidence base](#): Curia obesity reports (2025 & 2026); North of England Obesity Sprint (Feb 2026); More Than Weight (Yorkshire partners); NHS England procurement notice; government OPIP announcement.

