

# The English NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme

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# NHS HEALTH CHECK

Helping you prevent

diabetes

heart disease

kidney disease

stroke & dementia

# National Guidelines around Case Identification

## National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

NICE Public Health guideline 38 (2012)

Type 2 diabetes: prevention in people at high risk

### Risk identification = 2 stages:

- 1<sup>st</sup> stage = validated risk assessment tool
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage = blood test
  - High risk: HbA1c 42-47 mmol/mol (6.0-6.4%) OR
  - Fasting plasma glucose 5.5-6.9 mmol/l

# Evidence Base



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# 5 Year Forward View

## Getting serious about prevention



### **5 Year Forward View 2014**

“The future health of millions of children, the sustainability of the NHS, and the economic prosperity of Britain all now depend on a radical upgrade in prevention and public health”

# Origins – NHS DPP 2015 / 2016

- **Expert Reference Group**
- **Service specification**
- **Procurement - providers**
- **Each local area chooses from one of the providers**



# Evolution

Financial Year 2016/2017 = First wave of national roll-out

51% geographical coverage of England

Financial Year 2017/2018 = Second wave

75% geographical coverage of England

Financial Year 2018/2019 = Third wave

Universal coverage of England by Summer 2018

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# Early Outcomes From the English National Health Service Diabetes Prevention Programme

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# Digital Diabetes Prevention Programme Pilot



## **Weight loss was clinically significant at 12 months**

- Mean change at 12 months was -3.1 (-3.4 to -2.8) kgs,  $p < 0.001$

## **HbA1c reduction was clinically significant at 12 months**

- Mean change at 12 months was -1.6 (-1.8 to -1.4) mmol/mol,  $p < 0.001$

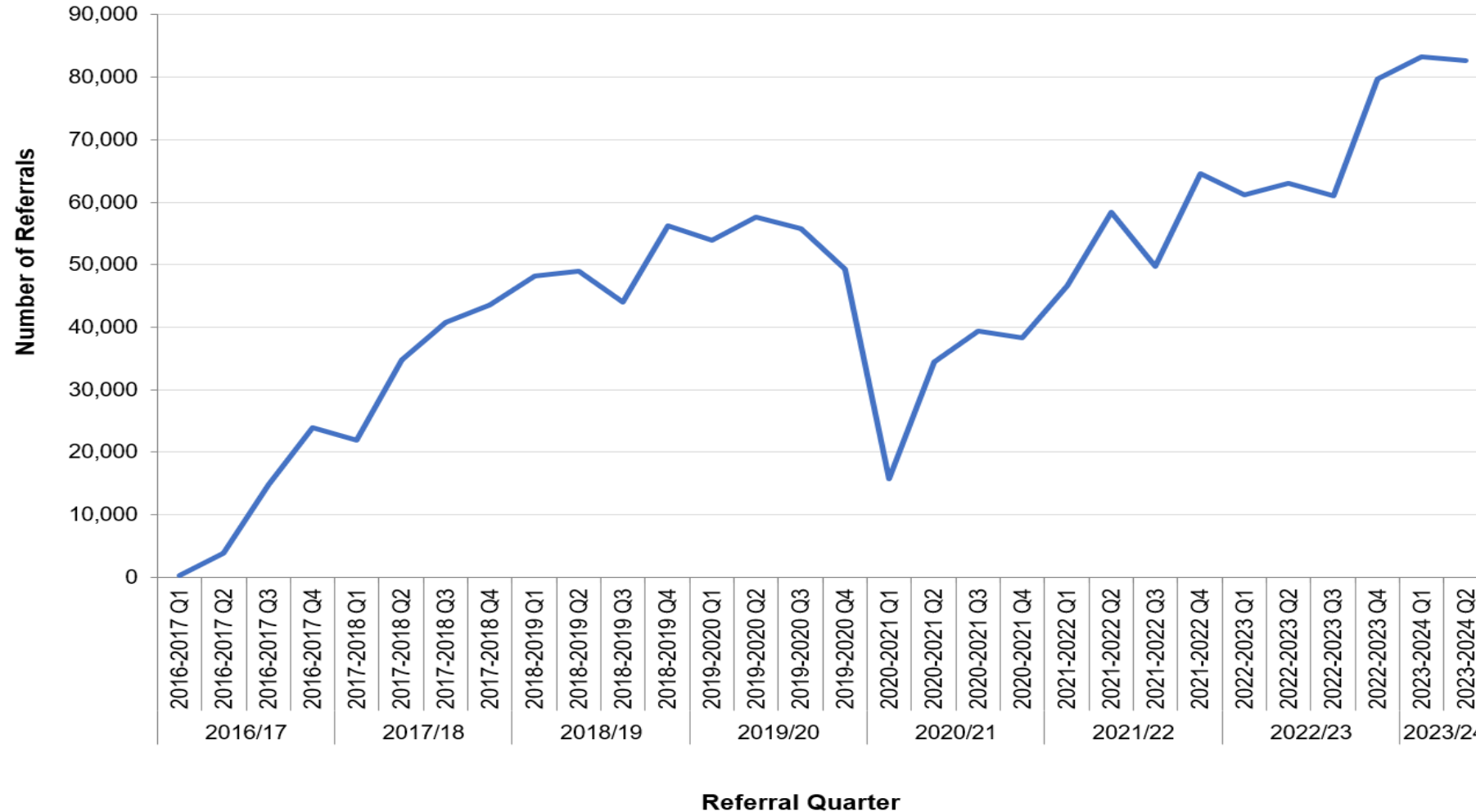
## **Certain features were associated with significantly greater reduction in HbA1c and weight**

- Peer support and a website and telephone service

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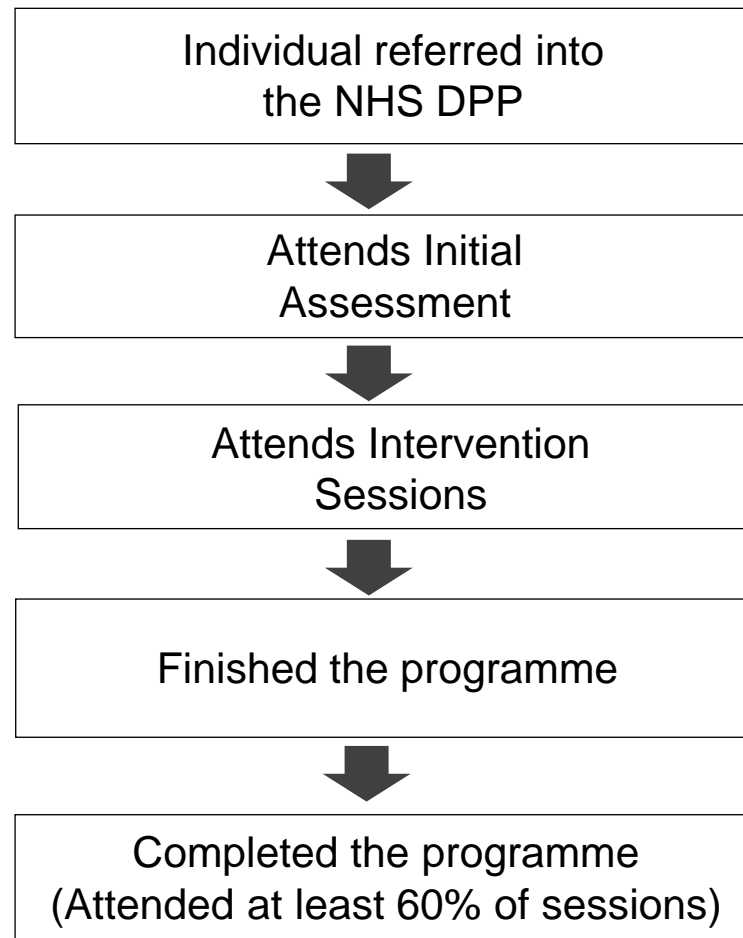


# Referrals over time

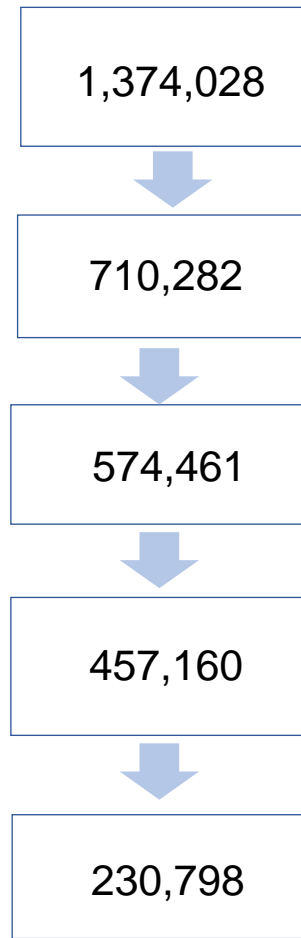


- Since the programme started in 2016, almost 1.4 million referrals have been received
- The dip in 2020-21 Q1 referrals coincided with the start of the COVID pandemic
- Referrals have now recovered to above pre-pandemic levels

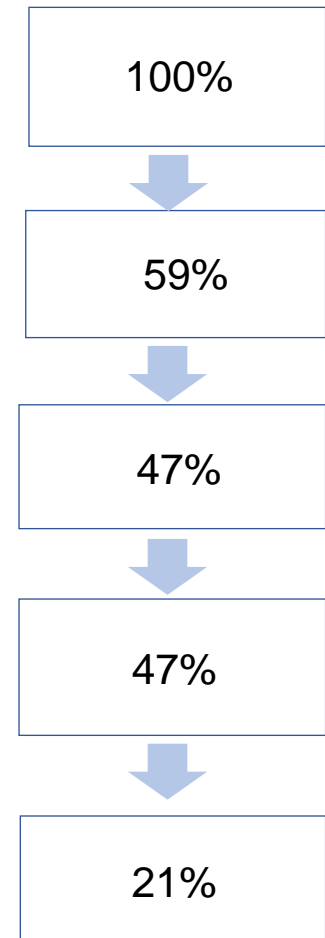
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intervention duration



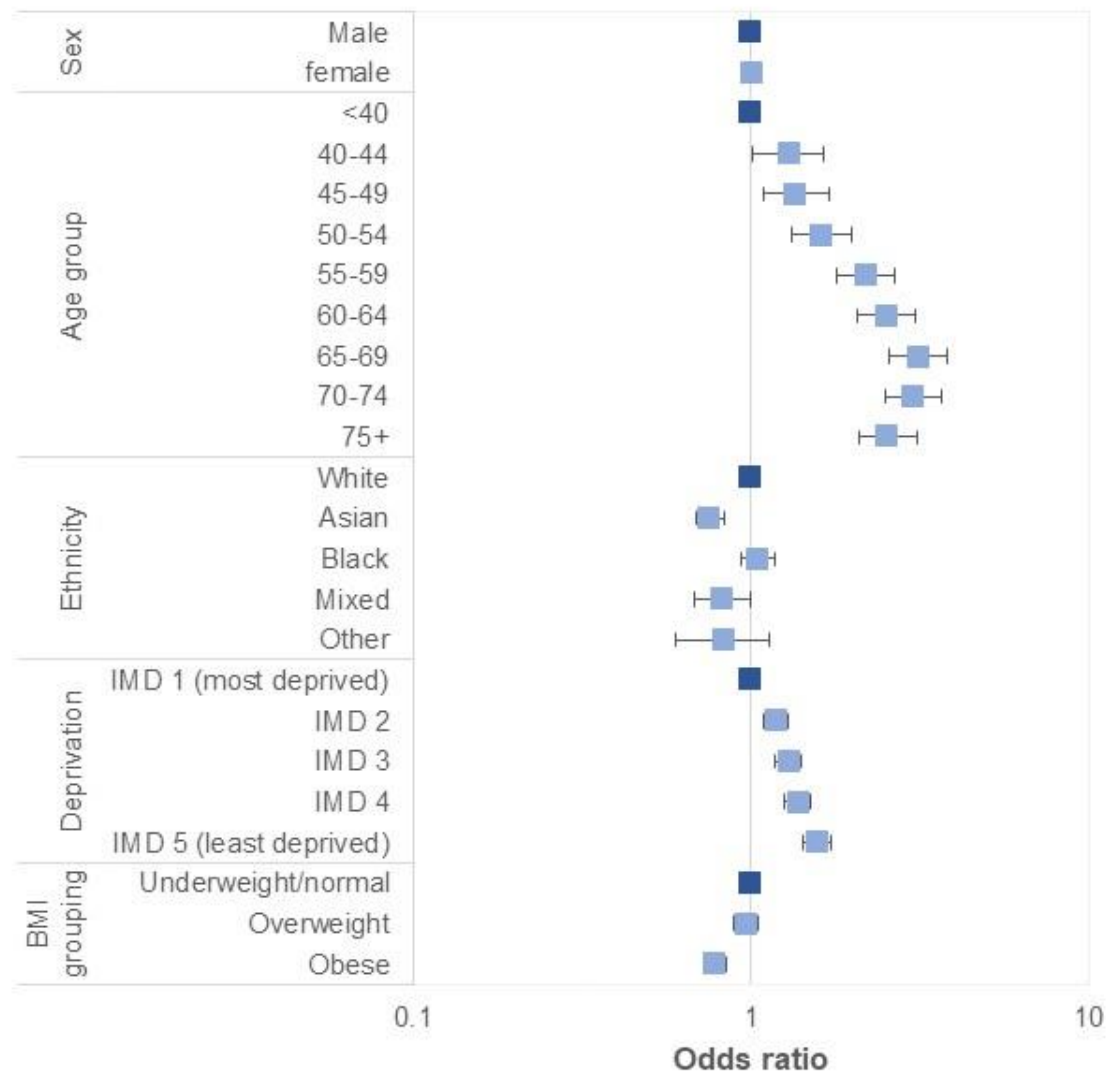
Number of referrals  
at each stage in the  
programme by end of  
Sep 23



Percentage retained  
allowing sufficient  
time to elapse for  
each stage of the  
programme



# Completion of the programme, mixed effects logistic



- No significant difference in completion by sex
- Increased as the age of the participant increased
- Asian and mixed ethnicity significantly lower completion. No significant difference in completion between black, other and white ethnic groups.
- Increased as deprivation decreased
- Significantly lower for obese participants

\*Analysis based on complete case data. Provider also included in the logistic regression model as a fixed effect and local health economy as a random effect



# Weight Change

## Completer Analysis

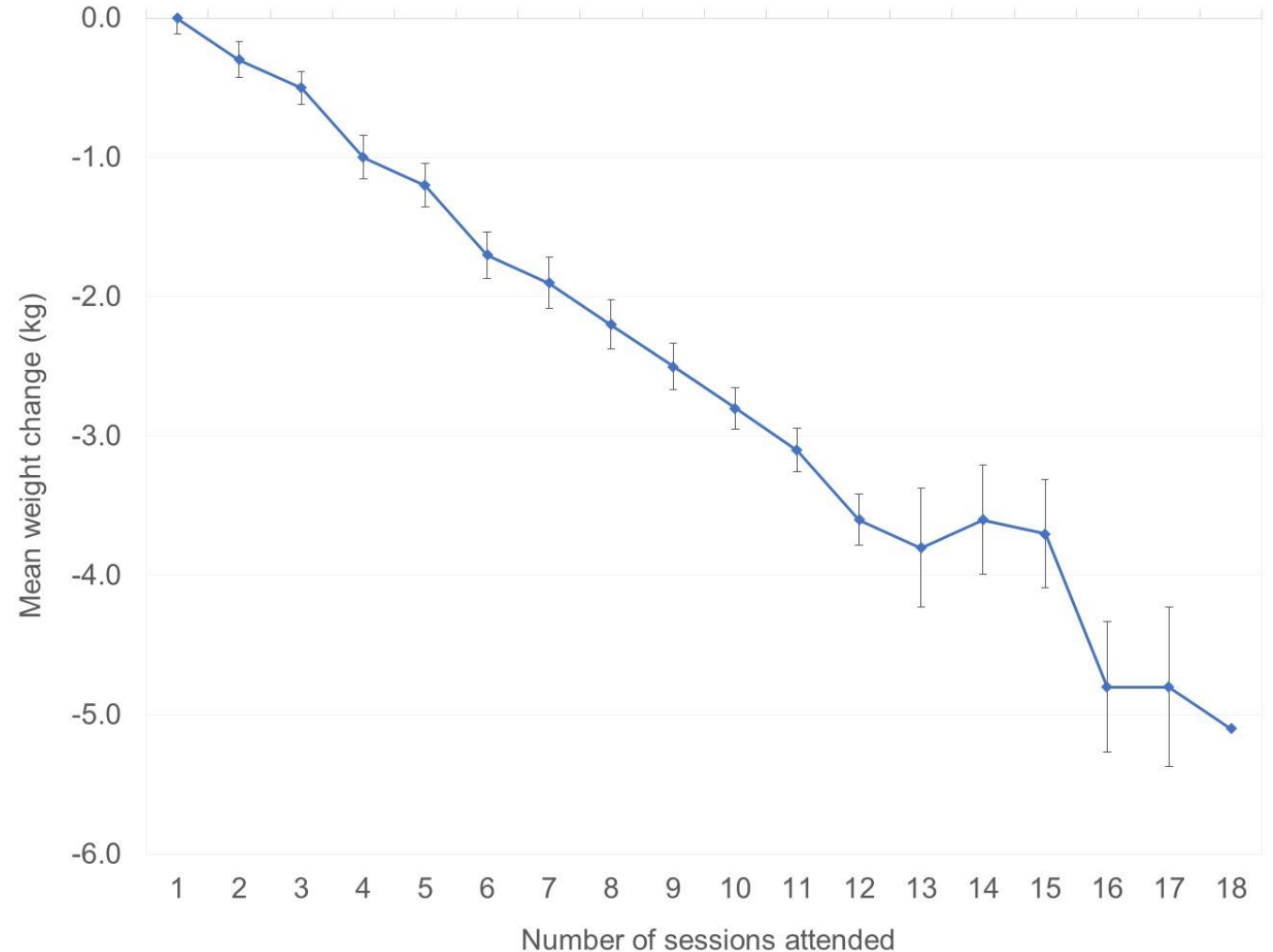
- Mean weight change of -3.3kg (-3.4 to -3.2kg)
- % Mean weight change of -4.0% (-4.0 to -3.9%)
- 37% achieving a weight loss of 5% or more

## Intention-to-treat analysis

- Mean weight change of -2.3kg (-2.3 to -2.2kg)
- % Mean weight change of -2.7% (-2.7% to -2.6%)
- 24% achieving a weight loss of 5% or more

\*Using complete case data

Mean weight change by number of sessions attended



# HbA1c Change

## Completer Analysis

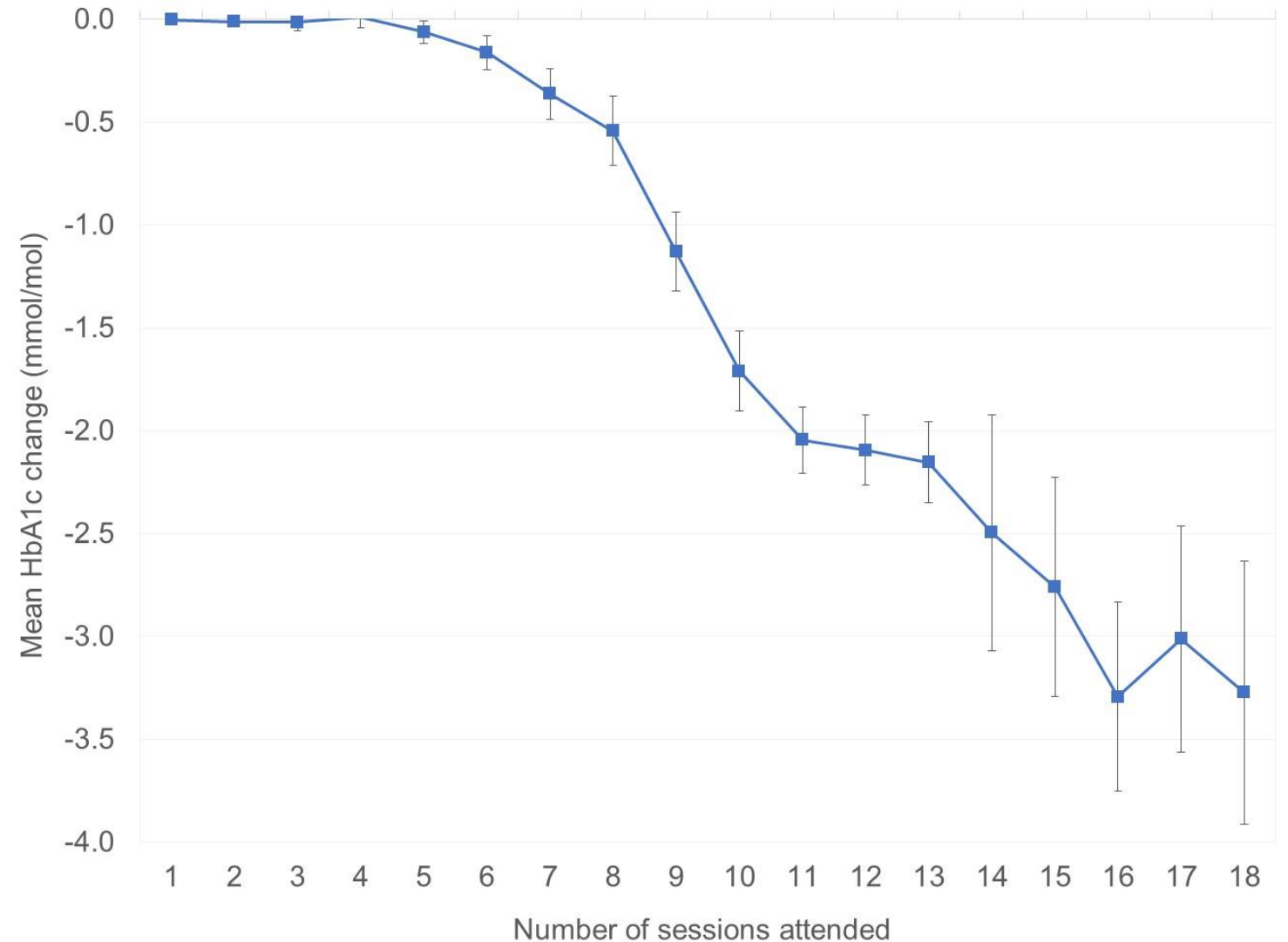
- Mean Hba1c change of -2.0mmol/mol (-2.0mmol/mol to -1.9mmol/mol)

## Intention-to-treat analysis

- Mean Hba1c change of -1.3mmol/mol (-1.3mmol/mol to -1.2mmol/mol)

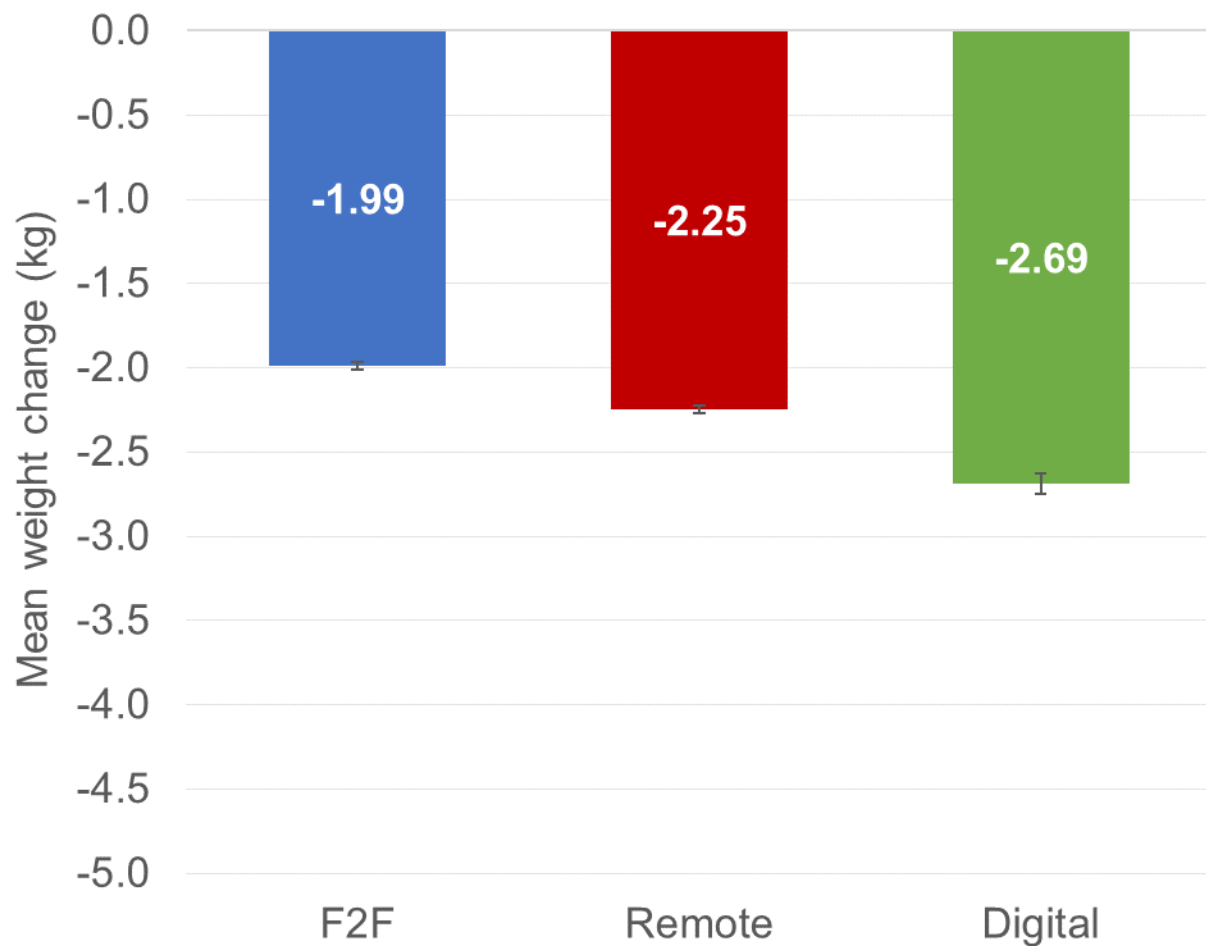
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Mean Hba1c change by number of sessions attended

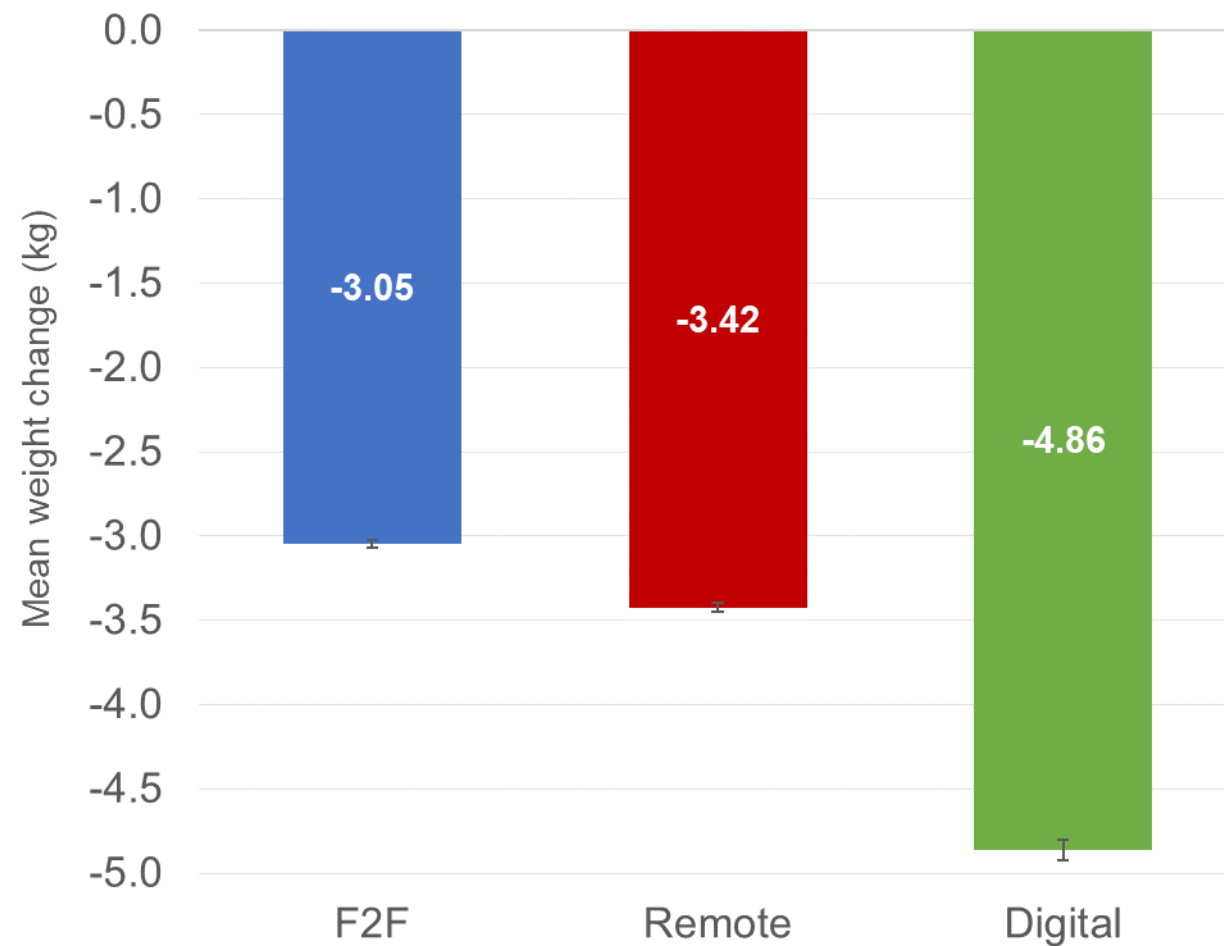


# Mean weight change by intervention type

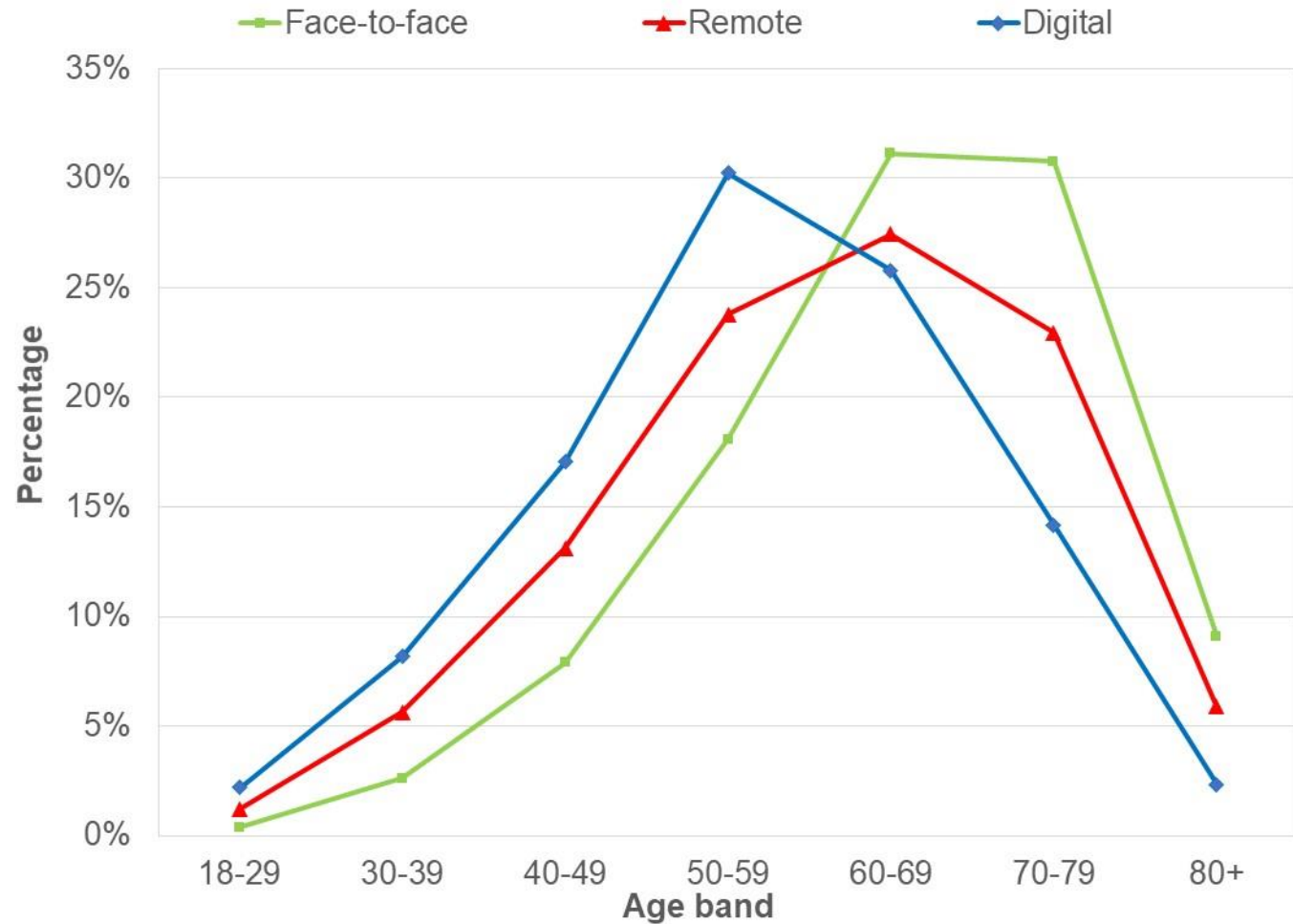
## Intention-to-treat weight change



## Completer weight change



# Age distribution of participants by intervention type



## Mean (SD) Age

- Face-to-Face: 65 (12) years
- Remote: 60 (13) years
- Digital: 56 (12) years

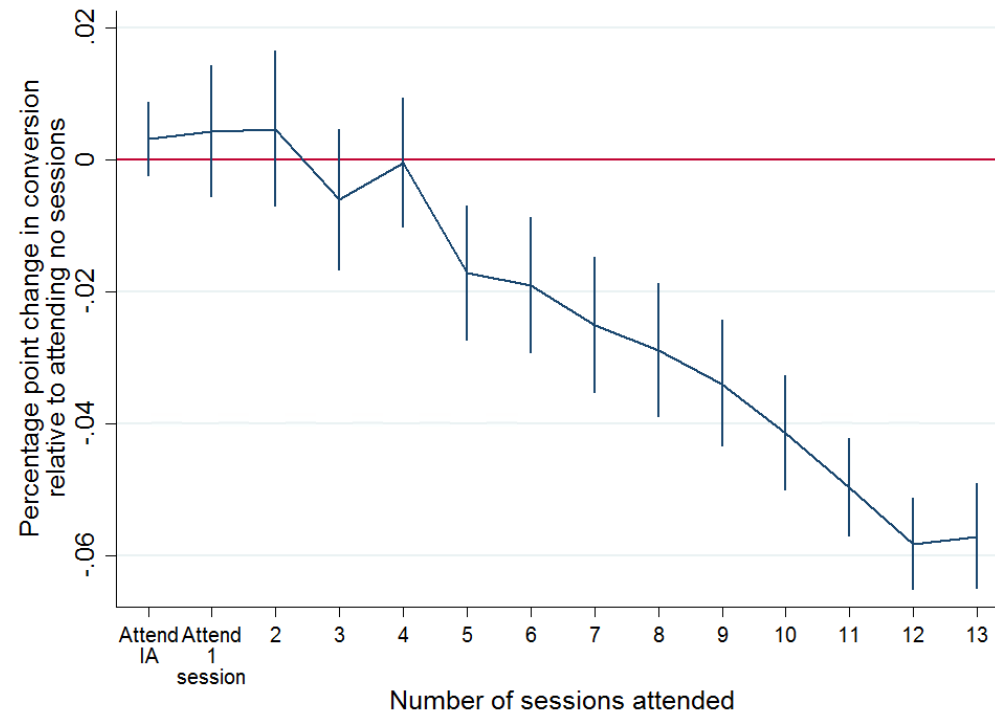
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Relative risk reduction of 37% for conversion to type 2 diabetes in people with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia who completed the NHS DPP (data in abstract expressed as absolute risk reductions)



**Conversion to Type 2 Diabetes: number of sessions attended**

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# Independent evaluation of the NHS DPP

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## Population level impact of the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme on incidence of type 2 diabetes in England: An observational study



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### Summary

**Background** The NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (DPP) is the first nationwide type 2 diabetes prevention programme targeting people with prediabetes. It was rolled out across England from 2016 in three waves. We evaluate the population level impact of the NHS DPP on incidence rates of type 2 diabetes.

**Methods** We use data from the National Diabetes Audit, which records all individuals across England who have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes by 2019. We use difference-in-differences regression models to estimate the impact of the phased introduction of the DPP on type 2 diabetes incidence. We compare patients registered with the

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