



Intervention	020. Tattoo Removal
For the treatment of:	Permanent tattooing
Commissioning position	<p>This intervention is commissioned if a tattoo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is due to post-trauma scarring e.g. scarring from grit, coal, or graphite (where it has persisted despite post injury cleansing treatment) OR• was inflicted against the person's will OR• was consented to during period of significant mental illness OR• dates from when the person was a child and was not Fraser competent to make the decision OR• has resulted in a significant allergic reaction. <p>Treatment is not otherwise commissioned for personal preference on cosmetic grounds.</p>
Summary of Rationale	Many people seeking tattoo removal are from disadvantaged backgrounds and did not fully recognise the implications of a tattoo on subsequent employment and life opportunities. Most tattoos may be removed using an appropriate laser.
References	Tattoo removal - NHS (www.nhs.uk) information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf (bapras.org.uk)
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