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| Intervention  | **020. Tattoo Removal**   |
| For the treatment of:  | Permanent tattooing   |
| Commissioning position  | This intervention is commissioned if a tattoo:  * 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.

 Treatment is not otherwise commissioned for personal preference on cosmetic grounds.  |
| 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)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cosmetic-procedures/non-surgical-cosmetic-procedures/tattoo-removal/) [information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf (bapras.org.uk)](https://www.bapras.org.uk/docs/default-source/commissioning-and-policy/information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf?sfvrsn=ba572cc3_2)  |
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