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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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