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Policy:	<a href="#">Tattoo Removal</a>	GM Ref:	GM067		
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#### Policy inclusion criteria

Tattoo removal is not routinely commissioned for aesthetic purposes.

Tattoo removal will be considered where there is evidence that:

- The dye has caused a significant allergic reaction and/or infection.

#### **AND**

- All alternative treatments to manage the allergic reaction and/or infection have failed.

#### **OR**

- A person has been given a tattoo under severe duress (sometimes called a “rape tattoo”) or they can demonstrate they were not Fraser Competent to give consent at the time they were tattooed.

Non-identifiable photographs, preferably medical illustrations if available, will be requested, to support the decision making process, but will not form the sole basis of the decision. It is not mandatory for photographs to be provided by a patient.

#### **Funding mechanism:**

Individual prior approval provided the patient meets the above criteria. Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

#### Policy exclusions

Treatment/procedures undertaken as part of an externally funded trial or as a part of locally agreed contracts / or pathways of care are excluded from this policy, i.e. locally agreed pathways take precedent over this policy (the EUR Team should be informed of any local pathway for this exclusion to take effect).