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Tattoo Removal Policy

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Superseded Documents (if applicable)	Merged from WECCG Tattoo Removal Herts & BLMK Priorities Forum guidance – aspects of cosmetic surgery – other than breast related cosmetic treatments

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This policy should be applied alongside the local cosmetic procedure policy. [\[add link\]](#)

This procedure has been assessed as a Low Clinical Priority and will not normally be funded, unless the tattoo is the source of an allergic phenomenon.

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Individual cases will be reviewed as per the ICB policy.

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