

**Commissioning Statement:**

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| <b>Condition or Treatment:</b> | Tattoo Removal   |
| <b>Background:</b>             | A tattoo is defined as a form of body modification, made by inserting indelible ink into the dermis layer of the skin to change the pigment.   |
| <b>Commissioning position:</b> | Tattoo removal will not be routinely funded.<br>Surgery for primarily cosmetic reasons is not eligible for NHS funding.  |
| <b>Referral Guidance:</b>      | Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRW/SR GP Practices: <a href="https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/">https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/</a></li> <li>• HaRD GP practices: <a href="#">Referral Form</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>Effective From:</b>         | 1 July 2021  |
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| <b>Review Date:</b>            | July 2023  |
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**Additional Information/References:**