

**Programme Title: Clinical Policies**

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

**Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire**

<b>Title of policy and version:</b>	<b>CosmeticPlastics – Tattoo Removal</b> Version: v1.0
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
<b>Scope:</b>	<p><b>Covers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of tattoos by any method (including laser, excision or other techniques) in all settings</li> </ul> <p><b>Out of Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoo removal for tattoos that are the source of an allergic phenomenon</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort:</b>	All individuals requesting removal of a tattoo by any method
<b>Other relevant Clinical Policy</b>	TBC

<b>Treatments routinely funded:</b>	None under this policy
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<b>Treatments not funded:</b>	Tattoo removal by any method (including laser, excision or other techniques) in all settings
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Tattoo removal is considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on interventions that treat disease or restore function; cosmetic procedures undertaken primarily to improve appearance are therefore not normally funded.
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**IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:**

Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.

**Coding list:**

Policy document record:	CosmeticPlastics – Tattoo Removal Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for the ICB area, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK).
Planned review date:	TBC

**Document Environmental Impact statement:**

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.