

TATTOO REMOVAL

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Policy

Tattoo removal is a cosmetic procedure and is not normally supported or funded.

Background

Lasers have become the standard treatment for tattoo removal because they offer a bloodless, low risk, effective alternative with minimal side effects. However, there are no references to tattoo removal procedures from SIGN, Trip or Cochrane. Most dermatologic surgeons caution that complete tattoo removal is not possible. Tattoos are meant to be permanent, so removing them is difficult. Few surgeons guarantee complete removal.

Reference:	Policy Name	Review Date	Version
BSW-CP029	Tattoo Removal	March 2021	1