

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/165

Subject: Tattoo Removal

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Please tell me, from 2018 to the date of this email, how many patients you commissioned to have a tattoo removed. 2. In each event, please tell me the total cost to your authority.	1. Zero 2. N/A
3. Finally, please tell me what guidelines/criteria you apply in deciding whether or not to commission such a procedure (e.g. only for the removal of offensive tattoos on the face, gang tattoos, self-image problems). Please provide me with copies of any internal documents that spell out these guidelines.	Please refer to the Tattoo removal policy which can be found on our website: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/directory/tattoo-removal/

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 24 July 2023 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.