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Subject: Nipple and Areola Complex Tattoos

## REQUEST

Information about Nipple and Areola Complex tattoos that are offered to breast cancer patients following mastectomy surgery.

1. What is the individual cost to the NHS trust per unilateral nipple Tattoo.
2. What is the individual cost to the NHS trust per bilateral nipple Tattoos.
3. What training requirements will a potential practitioner have to endure before they are considered qualified and capable of providing Nipple or areola tattoos for patients who have lost their Nipple or Areola Complex (NAC).
4. How many nipple tattoos were performed in total each year since 2018 up until the present day.
5. How many top ups are patients offered/included in their care plan?
6. Are these tattoos given in a theatre or clinical setting?

## RESPONSE

1. There is zero cost to the NHS Trust
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3. An accredited course needs to be attended and passed with real life training models.
4. 18/19 346  
19/20 484  
20/21 166  
21/22 751  
22/23 564  
23/24 537  
24 to date 400
5. Top up offered every 12 months
6. Clinical setting