

THE REGISTRATION OF PREMISES AND PRACTITIONERS FOR SKIN PIERCING ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the information contained in the report regarding the registration of skin piercing activities.
- 1.2 To approve a new scheme of fees for the registration of premises and practitioners involved in skin piercing activities.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis must be registered.
- 2.2 There are some exemptions for businesses that carry out certain activities under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner.
- 2.3 Both the premises and the practitioner at which the activity is to be carried out are required to be registered.
- 2.4 Currently the cost of registration for the premises is £48.50 and any practitioners are registered free of charge as part of the premises registration.
- 2.5 Over the last year, the number of new practitioners or those moving to other businesses has increased significantly. This has increased the number of inspections carried out by officers.
- 2.6 In addition to this, Derby also plays host to an annual tattoo and piercing convention in which a large number of local, national and international practitioners attend and carry out tattooing and piercing on attendees. This is also resource intensive on officer time as inspections need to be carried out. In the past, no charge has been made for this work.

- 2.7 A new scheme of fees is required to better reflect the resources involved with undertaking the registration process and a number of different options are set out at Appendix 2. Also included is a comparison of charges made by other local authorities.
- 2.8 The proposed fees have been calculated using a cost recovery process by assessing the average amount of time an application is likely to take in total to deal with and applying appropriate staffing costs and other on-costs.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Charges for the Registration of Premises and Practitioners for Skin Piercing Activities

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. A new scheme of fees will ensure that, in future, the costs incurred in carrying out the skin piercing registration process are properly recovered.

Legal

2. As set out in the report.

Personnel

3. None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

4. None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The recommendation contained in this report contributes to the corporate objective of **giving excellent services and value for money**.

APPENDIX 2

CHARGES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PREMISES AND PRACTITIONERS FOR SKIN PIERCING ACTIVITIES

CHARGING OPTIONS		
	Current (£)	Proposed (£)
Premises	48.50	50.00
Practitioner	n/a	£50.00
Premises and one Practitioner*	48.50	£50.00*
Subsequent Practitioners**	n/a	£50.00**
Premises and all Practitioners at the initial inspection*	48.50	£50.00*
Subsequent Practitioners**	n/a	£50.00**
Charges for the Tattoo and Skin Piercing Convention need to reflect the officer time spent carrying out inspections. Our presence is primarily to ensure the safety of the public. The costs involved in attending the event would be recovered from the event organisers on a cost recovery basis.		

COMPARISON WITH OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES			
Local Authority	Cost per Premises (£)	Cost per Practitioner (£) #	Comments
Leicester	89	63	
Nottingham	98	49	
Coventry	-	85	
Stoke on Trent	128*	75**	* Includes one practitioner. ** Additional practitioners. Additional premises £52 per additional practitioner
Hull	-	177	
Derby	48.50	-	

Existing registered practitioners moving between registered studios are charged at the full rate.