

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE****14TH JULY 2008****Cosmetic Skin Piercing, Special Treatment,
Tattooing, Body Piercing**

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APPENDICES:	Appendix A - Guidance for Cosmetic Skin Piercing, Special Treatment, Tattooing, Body Piercing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider guidance for Cosmetic Skin Piercing, Special Treatment, Tattooing, Body Piercing.

2. RECOMMENDATION**2.1 The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Council:**

1. To adopt the guidance for Cosmetic Skin Piercing, Special Treatment Tattooing and Body Piercing as outlined in Appendix A.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Environmental Health and Licensing Section have adopted Bye-laws for purposes of securing compliance with premises registered under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Premises that are registered under this Act are, Cosmetic Skin Piercers, Tattooists, Body Piercers, Acupuncturists and the treatment of electrolysis.
- 3.2 There is already limited Guidance available nationally for premises starting up a business that needs to be registered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982. However, this guidance is disparate and Appendix A seeks to bring all this existing guidance together in a single document.
- 3.3 The Guidance at *Appendix A* has been produced for issue to potential applicants for registration of the above mentioned premises.
- 3.4 The Guidance is supported by the Health Protection Agency and reflects guidance issued by The Health and Safety Executive.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 There is a stated requirement for all businesses to use a vacuum autoclave if they sterilise hollow, tubular or porous equipment. A few of the existing businesses in Wyre Forest will need to upgrade their equipment and these will be inspected by Council officers using Health and Safety powers.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct Financial Implications arising from this report as all costs are within existing budgets .

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 By embedding this Guidance into the registration process for the aforementioned treatments. The Council can be more confident of compliance and there will be a lowered risk of regulatory action failing due to non compliance.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The adoption of this Guidance Note will help the Council meet its statutory obligations to work more efficiently and will raise standards of infection control in the aforementioned treatments.

9. CONSULTEES

- The Health Protection Agency
- Head of Legal and Democratic Services

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Hela Local Authority Circular 76/2/April 2005