

Council issues prohibition notices to stop risky aesthetic treatments in the capital

Over the past month, The City of Edinburgh Council's Environmental Health team has issued eight Prohibition Notices to businesses and practitioners over three locations planning to perform the Brazilian Butt Lift (BBL) procedure in the city.

There have been several serious incidents across the UK where clients have suffered from sepsis and tissue necrosis after receiving BBLs and it is for this reason that the Council has taken enforcement action.

The Notices prohibit those involved from undertaking any BBL procedures within any premises or locations within the city of Edinburgh local authority area, until evidence can be provided that these procedures will be carried out by competent people and in hygienic environments. If the practitioners involved fail to comply with these notices, a report may be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration of a Prosecution, where the offender could face imprisonment, a significant fine, or both.

Cllr Neil Ross, Convener of the City of Edinburgh Council's Regulatory Committee, said: "Our Environmental Health Officers continue to carry out inspections of aesthetic businesses in the city where BBLs may be carried out. If unsatisfactory standards are found, officers will not hesitate to take enforcement action to protect the public.

"We are urging the public to be very careful when considering undergoing this type of cosmetic procedure as the risks to their health can be serious. We are also warning local aesthetic practitioners who are considering undergoing training in how to administer BBLs to think very carefully before doing so. The training may not achieve the level of competence required to do such high-risk procedures."

If anyone is concerned about a recent BBL procedure they have received, the Council is urging them to get in touch. Additionally, if anyone has had a recent BBL procedure carried out in premises specifically in the Gorgie/Dalry area of the city, the Council would like them to contact the Environmental Health team.

A Prohibition Notice has been issued to stop procedures at this location in this area of the city, but the Council understands that some people may already have undergone a procedure.

Members of the public can contact Environmental Health by phone on 0131 200 2000 or by email environmentalhealth@edinburgh.gov.uk If anyone is experiencing ill health linked to these procedures they should seek medical attention immediately.