

## NHS Tayside (Statutory) Skin Surveillance Declaration

Dear Student,

Your course has been identified as one that requires participation in statutory skin health surveillance e.g. there might be a requirement for frequent hand washing and/or potential exposure to hazardous chemicals. The University will be responsible for the annual distribution of skin health questionnaires and visual skin checks by a Responsible Person. If concerns are raised at this time then a referral to Occupational Health will be made by the University.

This is a legal requirement under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.

The purpose of skin health surveillance is to safeguard your health and where necessary to provide you, the University and all your placement line managers with advice to achieve this. Therefore, you will be required to attend one or more of the following assessments during work/study time:

- Completion of a skin health questionnaire at least annually, coupled with a visual skin check e.g. hands/face or other exposed areas, carried out by a Responsible Person. This will be a member of University or NHS Tayside staff who has taken on this role after appropriate training and they will be identified to you by the University and/or placement manager.
- Information about you recorded for the purposes of the skin health surveillance programme will be stored securely at all times
- A more in-depth skin health assessment by the Responsible Person and/or a placement line manager following your skin check.
- An assessment with an Occupational Health Clinician following a referral from a Responsible Person, University or a placement line manager. They will provide you, the University and your Responsible Person with appropriate advice, or control measures.
- If you have significant concerns about your skin health and it is not feasible to discuss this with the University or your placement line manager e.g. they are on holiday, please do not delay in contacting your Responsible Person for interim advice.

You will be required to follow advice/control measures e.g. avoidance of certain glove types etc. and you may be asked to attend for further review by Occupational Health.

If you fail to attend an Occupational Health appointment (the University/your placement line manager will be expected to release you from work/study for this), the University will be informed. Further appointments will only be issued once the University has discussed the reason for non-attendance with the student, highlighted the importance of attending OH appointments and requests a further appointment is issued. If you do not wish to participate in this surveillance you will need to discuss the implications of this with the University, as it may mean that you cannot continue with your course. Workplace restrictions will be necessary as NHS Tayside still have to fulfil legal obligations to safeguard your health at work.

I **acknowledge that I will** participate in a statutory skin health surveillance programme and have read and understood my obligations as outlined above.

**Name (block capitals):** .....

**Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....