

# **Announced Variation to Registration Care Inspection Report 18 September 2019**



## **UberSkin**

**Type of Service: Independent Hospital (IH) –  
Cosmetic Laser/Intense Pulse Light (IPL) Service  
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Inspector: Emily Campbell**

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It should be noted that this inspection report should not be regarded as a comprehensive review of all strengths and areas for improvement that exist in the service. The findings reported on are those which came to the attention of RQIA during the course of this inspection. The findings contained within this report do not exempt the service provider from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with legislation, standards and best practice.

## 1.0 What we look for



## 2.0 Profile of service

UberSkin is registered as an Independent Hospital (IH) with the following categories of care: Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using Class 3B or Class 4 lasers PT (L) and Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using intense light sources PT (IL). The establishment is operated by two registered dentists and an application for variation to registration was submitted to RQIA to include dental care and treatment (DT).

The establishment also provides a range of cosmetic/aesthetic treatments which do not come under the remit of RQIA.

**Laser equipment (1)**

Manufacturer: Cynosure  
 Model: PicoSure  
 Serial Number: PIC 00342  
 Laser Class: Class 4  
 Wavelength: 755nm

**Laser equipment (2)**

Manufacturer: Cynosure  
 Model: Icon  
 Serial Number: 25 – 2310  
 Laser Class: Class 4  
 Wavelength: 1540 nm

The Cynosure Icon laser is a multi-platform laser that is capable of operating as an Intense Pulse Light (IPL) machine by changing the handpiece. An IPL handpiece is available in the establishment.

**Laser protection advisor (LPA)**

Mr Godfrey Town

**Laser protection supervisor (LPS)**

Ms Michelle Lyners

**Medical support services**

Dr Paul Myers

**Authorised operators**

Ms Michelle Lyners

Mr Eldred Julius

**Types of treatment provided using the lasers**

- tattoo removal
- skin rejuvenation
- pigmented lesions
- treatment of acne scarring

**Types of treatment provided using the IPL handpiece**

- hair removal
- vascular problems
- pigmented lesions

### 3.0 Service details

<b>Organisation/Registered Provider:</b> Ubuntu Clinics Ltd t/a UberSkin  <b>Responsible Individual:</b> Ms Michelle Lyners	<b>Registered Manager:</b> Ms Michelle Lyners
<b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Ms Michelle Lyners	<b>Date manager registered:</b> 16 February 2015
<b>Categories of care:</b> Independent Hospital (IH) PT(L) Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using Class 3B or Class 4 lasers and PT(IL) Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using intense light sources	

### 4.0 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent inspection dated 26 July 2019

The most recent inspection of the establishment was an announced care inspection. No areas for improvement were made during this inspection.

### 4.1 Review of areas for improvement from the last care inspection dated 26 July 2019

There were no areas for improvement made as a result of the last care inspection.

### 5.0 Inspection

An announced variation to registration inspection of UberSkin took place on 18 September 2019 from 11:00 to 12:00.

This inspection was underpinned by The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005, The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Independent Health Care) (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, the Department of Health (DoH) Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment (2011) and the DoH Minimum Care Standards for Independent Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).

An application for variation of the registration of the establishment was submitted to RQIA by Ms Michelle Lyners, registered person. The establishment which is currently registered to provide cosmetic laser and intense pulse light services is operated by two registered dentists.

The application for variation was to include dental care and treatment (DT), for the provision of teeth whitening only.

The inspection sought to assess the readiness of the establishment for the provision of private dental care and treatment associated with the application of variation. During the inspection the inspector met with Ms Lyners and undertook a tour of some areas of the premises.

Establishments providing dental care and treatment are required to provide emergency medicines in keeping with the British National Formulary (BNF), and emergency equipment as recommended by the Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines. These are not available in UberSkin and Ms Lyners advised that it would not be financially viable to provide them. Ms Lyners subsequently withdrew the application of variation during the inspection. Formal notification to this effect was submitted to RQIA on 1 October 2019.

## **6.0 Quality improvement plan**

There were no areas for improvement identified during this inspection, and a quality improvement plan (QIP) is not required or included, as part of this inspection report.



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