



Warning over unlicensed anti-wrinkle injections in Nottinghamshire

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Gedling Borough Council's Public Protection Team is urging residents to exercise caution following reports of unlicensed anti-wrinkle injections being administered in the borough.

Anti-wrinkle treatments containing botulinum toxin are prescription-only medicines regulated by the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The use of unlicensed products is illegal and poses significant risks, including potential facial scarring and permanent disfigurement.

Currently, only six brands of botulinum toxin are licensed for cosmetic use in the UK: Azzalure®, Bocouture®, Botox®, Alluzience®, Letybo®, and Nuceiva®.

Residents considering such treatments should be aware of the following safety guidelines:

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Gedling Borough Council has banned a local business from offering high-risk cosmetic procedures known as Brazilian Butt Lifts after a formal investigation. Full story in comments



Verify the product: Ensure the name of the product is listed among the licensed brands. Products such as Botulax, reNTOx, and Innotox are not authorised for use in the UK.

- **Check the practitioner's credentials:** Confirm their qualifications, training in aesthetics, and experience with injectable treatments.
- **Ask about insurance:** Ensure the practitioner has appropriate insurance cover.
- **Inspect the product:** Confirm the product vial is sealed before use and that it is prescribed specifically for the individual undergoing treatment.

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A face-to-face consultation with a qualified prescriber is essential before any treatment. This consultation should include a thorough review of the individual's medical history and an assessment of their suitability for the procedure.

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection at Gedling Borough Council, said:

“We have received reports of potentially dangerous, unlicensed products being offered in treatments in Gedling Borough. These products are illegal and may be carried out by individuals who are putting people at serious risk for financial gain.”

The government has previously announced plans to introduce a licensing regime for non-surgical cosmetic procedures, such as Botox, fillers, and other treatments, to address concerns about unregulated practices. This proposed system aims to standardise qualifications, hygiene, and safety requirements. Gedling Borough Council awaits further updates on the implementation of these measures.

Residents with concerns or information are encouraged to contact Gedling Borough Council's Public Protection Team at **enquiries@gedling.gov.uk**. Practitioners seeking additional guidance can also reach out for support.