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## **Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that if you have undertaken any blinded surgical glove trial since 2008, wherein sterile surgical gloves have been trialled, compared, or changed, with or without the awareness of the operating surgeons; or any information regarding the qualitative and quantitative results of a surgical glove trial including a subsequent change of sterile glove brand, that this could anonymously be released for the purpose of a national study.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a medical student affiliated with the University of Sheffield / surgeon affiliated with the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, and this request is made for a scientific purpose.

There is no affiliation to a glove brand or financial incentive on our side.

DBTH have not undertaken any blinded surgical glove research trial at any point since 2008. This is correct as of 24 August 2023.