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Blinded surgical glove trial since 2008

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I request that if you have undertaken any blinded surgical glove trial since 2008, wherein sterile surgical gloves have been trialed, 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.

The Trust can confirm it does not hold the requested information above. The Trust has not conducted blinded trials of surgical gloves since 2008.