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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5894

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd August 2023.

Your request was as follows:

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.

I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do perform blind trials with glove as any changes to items being used for medical/surgical procedures without first discussing this with the relevant clinical staff.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5894 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>



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Yours sincerely

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