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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request your consideration and answers to the following queries please.

- 1. Within your surgical theatres, are operating staff wearing reusable long sleeved gowns that are laundered or disposable single use gowns?**

Disposable single use gowns.

- 2. Within your surgical theatres, are you using reusable laundered drapes during surgical episodes or disposable single use drapes?**

Disposable single use drapes.

- 3. If you are using re-usable gowns or drapes within theatres, which guidance did you use to inform this process?**

Not applicable.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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