



# Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB)

## Change in local NHS glove habits cut costs and reduces emissions

- **Campaign aims to revert to pre-pandemic levels of non-sterile glove usage in the health board**

ABUHB's Decarbonisation group is encouraging a reduction in the amount of non-sterile gloves used across healthcare sites in Gwent. The Gloves R Off campaign challenges staff to assess infection control risks on a case-by-case basis, as opposed to wearing gloves by default in every clinical situation, with the aim of decreasing the health board's environmental impact and drive financial efficiencies.

In 2023, the health board spent almost £1 million on more than 21 million non-sterile gloves. This is equal to emissions of over 570 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq. The campaign aims to revert to pre-pandemic levels of glove usage, which was close to half the figure reported in 2023.