



My Ref: FOI5183
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your council's actions relating to non-compliant trading practices, particularly involving stores selling illegal tobacco and vaping products, between 2020 to the latest available date.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

-The number of stores that have been issued closure orders by your council during this period due to the sale of illegal tobacco and vaping products

2025 – 1

-The total number of vapes seized by your council's Trading Standards or other relevant teams during this period -The total estimated monetary value (£) of the seized vapes

We do not record this in retrievable form via our database. In addition officers visiting stores for reasons other than vape enforcement work will where appropriate seize illegal vapes. In order to collate this information we would need to extract the information from a high number of report records across officers of the service. This would take the request outside the time constraints of a Freedom of Information request.

I would prefer to receive the requested information in electronic format, and if possible, broken down by year.

If any part of this request is unclear or requires clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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 at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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