



My Ref: FOI 5599  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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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: -

**1. How many retailers in your area have been found to have sold non-duty-paid cigarettes in 2022/23?**

Within the time constraints of a freedom of information requests, we can provide the number of retailers where nonduty paid cigarettes have been seized. This is not the same as the number of retailers we have proven evidence that sales have been made. Some seized products are seized without there being evidence of sale i.e. it is not always possible to replicate sales by carrying out test purchases as businesses engaged in this type of illegal activity are sometimes wary of selling to customers they do not know. The data below is in relation to seizures at business premises and provided per calendar year.

**1a. If data is available, please provide the value of the cigarettes seized (2022/23)**

Calendar year 2022: 12

volume of products seized 2022:  
257,570 + 130 x 50g packs HRT  
Street value approx £77,393  
Retail equivalent for cost of legal goods approx £184,589

**2. How many retailers in your area have been found to have sold non-duty-paid cigarettes in 2023/24?**

**2a. If data is available, please provide the value of the cigarettes seized (2023/24)**

Calendar year 2023: 4  
Volume of product seized 2023: 22,160 + 191 x 50g packs HRT  
Street Value approx.£5,900  
Retail equivalent for cost of legal goods approx.: £21,815

**3. How many retailers in your area have been found to have sold non-duty-paid cigarettes in 2024/25?**

**3a. If data is available, please provide the value of the cigarettes seized (2024/25)**

Calendar year 2024: 5

Volume of product seized 2024: 19,208 + 101 x 50g packs HRT

Street value approx.: 6,014

Retail equivalent for cost of legal goods approx.: £17,937

Calendar year 2025: 41

Volume of products seized 2025: 238,056 + 249 x 50g packs HRT

Street Value approx.£63,249

Retail equivalent for cost of legal goods approx.: £214,792

**4. How many retailers in your area have been found to have sold non-duty-paid cigarettes in 2025/26 so far?**

**4a. If data is available, please provide the value of the cigarettes seized (2025/26)**

To 12 February 2026: 3

2026: 113,370 cigarettes + 193 x 50g packs HRT

Street Value approx. £31,237

Retail equivalent for cost of legal goods approx.: £106,014.

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:

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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