



My Ref: FOI/ 5421
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. The total number of test purchase operations carried out by your authority to assess compliance with age-restricted sales of vaping products in retail premises.

22/23	0
23/24	3
24/25	3

2. Of these test purchases, the number that resulted in a failure, where a vaping product was sold without appropriate age verification.

22/23	0
23/24	8
24/25	6

3. The number of financial penalties, fixed penalty notices, or fines issued to retailers for the illegal sale of vaping products to underage customers.

No fixed penalty notices have been issued. Some businesses have faced legal action through the Courts in matters connected to the underage sale of vapes, but penalties are not always financial, or fines included penalties for other offending.

2023: 12 Months conditional discharge/£26 Victim Surcharge
2024: £19,211.55 fine and costs (also included the sale of illegal vapes)
2025: 3 Months Closure Order

Please provide data for the last three financial years (22/23, 23/24, 24/25).

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
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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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