



My Ref: FOI 5690  
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: -

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding incidents of fire at waste disposal facilities managed by your council, where the reported or suspected ignition source was the improper disposal of vaping devices (e.g., vapes/e-cigarettes containing lithium-ion batteries).**

**Please provide the following information in relation to your Household Waste Recycling Centre(s) (HWRCs) and any other waste disposal or recycling facilities managed by the council:**

- 1. Total number of confirmed or suspected vape-related fire incidents at all council-managed facilities, from 1 January 2021 to the most recent date available.**
- 2. For each year (calendar or financial year), a breakdown by facility of the number of vape-related fires reported.**

**Definitions and scope: For clarity:**

**\* “Vape” includes disposable and rechargeable e-cigarette devices, whether sold legally or otherwise, that contain lithium-ion batteries.**

**\* “Vape-related fire incidents” include confirmed fires and incidents where a fire or ignition was suspected to have been caused by a vape or its battery during or following disposal.**

**Please provide the information in an electronic format where possible (e.g., Excel, CSV, PDF).**

In regard to this specific question, I am afraid we have no vape-related information in relation to our Household Waste Recycling Centre(s) (HWRCs) and any other waste disposal or recycling facilities managed by the council.

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.

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Information Requests Team  
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Barnsley  
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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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