



My Ref: FOI/4474
Your Ref:
Date: 29/05/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. How many shops has your council's Trading Standards team seized illegal cigarettes, tobacco or vaping products from in the individual financial years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025?

2022-2023 18
2023-2024 9
2024-2025 9

If possible please break this down by:

a) Estimated value in Pound Sterling of items seized

2022-2023 £158,427
2023-2024 £28,936
2024-2025 £23,000

b) Total number of items seized

2022-2023 Cigarettes=140810 Hand Rolling Tobacco=1228x50g Vapes=1074
2023-2024 Cigarettes=17180 Hand Rolling Tobacco=172x50g Vapes=1003
2024-2025 Cigarettes=18800 Hand Rolling Tobacco=77x50g Vapes=6830

c) Product type seized (cigarettes, vapes, other vaping products such as e-liquids, rolling tobacco or other)

2022-2023 Cigarettes Hand Rolling Tobacco Vapes
2023-2024 Cigarettes Hand Rolling Tobacco Vapes
2024-2025 Cigarettes Hand Rolling Tobacco Vapes

d) Type of shop (e.g. mini mart, vape shop, barber, car wash)

2022-2023 Mini Market
2023-2024 Mini Market
2024-2025 Mini Market

2. How many shops have been shut in your local authority due to seizures of illegal cigarettes, tobacco or vapes in the individual financial years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25? Within each financial year, please break this down by:

- a. Temporary closures**
- b. Permanent closures (Please indicate whether your Trading Standards body has the power to permanently close shops. If not, please indicate who does have this power and if you hold information on these figures.)**
- c. Number of times the same shop has been closed due to the above. Please indicate whether the most recent closure was permanent or temporary.**
None

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Information Requests Team
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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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