



My Ref: FOI4853
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: -

Under Freedom of Information, I would like to request:

- 1. What was the total budgeted spending on Trading Standards in each of the last five fiscal years (April-April)?**

Year	Total Spend £
2020-21	234,287
2021-22	173,519
2022-23	216,946
2023-24	294,155
2024-25	316,918

- 2. How many complaints were made to Trading Standards in each of those five years – either via notifications from the public or other non-Trading Standards bodies?**

13,489

- 3. How many of the above cases in (2) were investigated by Trading Standards in each of those five years?**

Its not possible to answer this within the time constraints of an FOIA and an understanding of what is meant by investigated. All complaints into the Service are triaged, and only a small proportion will result in interaction in view of staff resources in the team – currently 1 Trading Standards Officer and 1 Apprentice Trading Standards Officers in post to deal with Trading Standards Complaints.

- 4. How many cases resulted in referral for prosecutions or other corrective action (eg were not dismissed with no further action) in that time?**

In this period 26 cases have led to prosecutions, simple cautions or formal warnings.

And, additionally:

5. How many of the complaints in 2-4 involved potential Cancer Act (1939) violations, or concerns around claims to treat cancer?

We cannot search specifically for this, but officers do not believe we have received such allegations, and allegations of this nature would have led to interactions and likely to be memorable.

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Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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