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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI685717248**

Thank you for your request for information relating to vape shops.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many retailers in your local authority have been identified as engaging in underage vape sales in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Please provide these figures by individual calendar year (January to December).

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We only hold information from 2023.

2023: 61

2024: 16

2. How many retailers in your local authority have been identified as involved in the sale and supply of illicit/non-compliant vaping products in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Please provide these figures by individual calendar year (January to December).

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We only hold information from 2023.

2023: 18

2024: 54

3. How many retailers in your local authority have been shut down a) temporarily and b)

permanently due to involvement in the sale and supply of illicit/non-compliant vaping products in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Please provide these figures by individual calendar year (January to December).

We are unable to permanently close businesses but can apply to the courts for closure orders of three plus three months duration (six months in total). We have temporarily closed businesses as follows:

2019: Nil
2020: Nil
2021: Nil
2022: Nil
2023: Nil
2024: Three

4. How many retailers in your local authority have been shut down a) temporarily and b) permanently due to engaging in underage sales of vaping products in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Please provide these figures by individual calendar year (January to December).

As with Question 3, we are unable to seek permanent closure. Closure orders are generally obtained due to a variety of circumstances (both the presence of illicit vapes and the sale of such to those under 18). It therefore is not possible to extrapolate the respective figures requested, as both forms of offending conduct are taken into consideration, in each application.

5. How many illicit/non-compliant vaping products have been seized in your local authority in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Please provide these figures by individual calendar year (January to December).

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We only hold information from 2023.

2023: 2,569
2024: 7,365

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Yours faithfully

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