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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI754279239**

Thank you for your request for information relating to illegal vapes and nicotine replacement seizures.

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide the following information separately for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025 (up to latest available data), unless requested otherwise.**

**Section 1. Number of illegal products seized, in the below categories:**

**1. How many units of the following products were seized in total?**

**o Any e-cigarettes/vaping devices/e-liquid products**

2020 to 2021 – no available data\*

2021 to 2022 - 141

2022 to 2023 - 3477

2023 to 2024 - 9640

2024 to 2025 - 6879

NB\* - we are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information.

**o Single-use disposable vaping devices (post-1st June, 2025)**

Post June 2025: 1,568

**o Cigarette or hand-rolling tobacco packs**

2020 to 2021: Cigarettes 1,163, HRT 9

2021 to 2022: Cigarettes 3,954, HRT 281  
2022 to 2023: Cigarettes 2,238, HRT 133  
2023 to 2024: Cigarettes 3,733, HRT 342  
2024 to 2025: Cigarettes 11,727, HRT 649

**o Tobacco-free nicotine pouches**

As these are tobacco free we are currently not seizing these items

**Section 2. Information on enforcement:**

**2. How many Trading Standards inspections of premises selling vaping devices, cigarettes and tobacco, or nicotine pouch products have taken place?**

2020 to 2021 - no available data\*

2021 to 2022 - no available data\*

2022 to 2023 - 21

2023 to 2024 - 50

2024 to 2025 - 53

NB\* - we are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information.

**• How many reports of tobacco-free nicotine pouches being sold to persons under the age of 18 have you received?**

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information. As these are tobacco free products, we currently do not record this information.

Section 3. For the below questions, we request the individual data for

**3.The number of identified cases of illegal products being in possession of, stocked, or sold by businesses or individuals**

**a. Illegal vaping devices,**

**b. Illegal single-use disposable vaping devices (post-1st June, 2025)**

**c. legal cigarette/hand-rolling tobacco products:**

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in a reportable format. To provide the data for businesses or individuals on the number of cases of illegal products for the 3 sub questions above and for the individual years is not possible within 18 hours. To obtain the information would require manually trawling through five years of business information. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

**• How many (count of) fines or penalties have been issued for being in possession of, stocking, or selling the illegal products?**

Fines: see response below.

Penalties: the local authority has issued a total of 9 closure orders with 2 extensions.

**• What was the total value in £ pound sterling of fines issued by your local authority for illegal vapes?**

If a fine includes fixed penalty notices the local authority has issued fines to the total value of £900.

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Yours faithfully

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