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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI776294467**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Compliance with age-restricted sales of vaping products.

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide data for the last three financial years (22/23, 23/24, 24/25).**

**I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following:**

**1. The total number of test purchase operations carried out by your authority to assess compliance with age-restricted sales of vaping products in retail premises.**

2022/23 - 7  
2023/24 7  
2024/25 -18

**2. Of these test purchases, the number that resulted in a failure, where a vaping product was sold without appropriate age verification.**

2022/23 Nil  
2023/24 - Nil  
2024/25 6

**3. The number of financial penalties, fixed penalty notices, or fines issued to retailers for the illegal sale of vaping products to underage customers.**

No financial penalties, fixed penalty notices or fines have been issued to retailers for the illegal sale of vaping products to underage customers. However, the evidence of any failed test purchase is taken into account with regards to our staged enforcement approach.

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Yours faithfully

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