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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI825392461**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Sunbed Use.

You have requested the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the period from 1 January 2020 to the present date (or the most recent available data), unless otherwise stated:

1. Inspections and Compliance Activity

- **The number of inspections carried out on premises offering sunbed services (e.g. tanning salons, gyms, beauty salons, hotels).**

We are unable to provide this information due to a change in our different software database system in April 2024 however we confirm that no proactive inspections were carried out on premises offering sunbed services under Sunbeds (Regulations) Act 2010 or under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 since 2020.

- **Whether inspections are proactive (routine) or reactive (complaint-led), and any policies or guidance used to determine this.**

Proactive inspections under Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 would only be carried out if it was a national priority as detailed by guidance reference LAC 67/2 issued to local authorities by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) or if based local intelligence it is a local priority. It has not been a national or local priority and therefore since 2020 inspections or visits are reactive (complaint led)

- **Whether sunbed compliance is incorporated into wider environmental health or trading standards inspections.**

No, see above for explanation.

2. Complaints and Reports

- **The number of complaints or reports received relating to breaches of the Act.**

None for since Jan 2020. However, Trading Standards received one complaint in 2024 relating to people under the age of 18 using a sunbed and an advisory letter was sent to the business.

- **A breakdown of the nature of complaints where recorded (e.g. under-18 use, lack of supervision, access to restricted zones).**

Not applicable.

- **The source of complaints where recorded (e.g. public, anonymous, internal referrals).**

Not applicable.

3. Enforcement Action

- **The number of breaches identified under the Act.**

None.

- **Details of enforcement actions taken, including:**

- o **Written warnings or advisory notices**
- o **Improvement notices (if applicable)**
- o **Fixed penalties or prosecutions**

None.

- **The number and total value of any fines issued.**

None.

4. Monitoring and Enforcement Approach

- **Details of how your authority monitors compliance with the Act.**

See response above.

- **Any local policies, enforcement strategies, or risk-based inspection frameworks used.**

See response above.

- **Whether your authority undertakes test purchasing, age-verification checks, or targeted campaigns.**

No.

5. Resourcing and Responsibility

- **Which department(s) within the authority are responsible for enforcing the Act (e.g. Environmental Health, Trading Standards).**

Environmental Health are responsible for enforcing the Health and Safety at work etc act 1974. Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 may involve either or both teams.

- **The number of officers (or approximate FTE) responsible for this area of enforcement.**

4.6 FTE.

6. Guidance and Training

- **Any guidance, training, or materials provided to businesses regarding compliance with the Act.**

None published by Council. We follow Government and HSE guidelines.

- **Whether your authority has undertaken any awareness or education campaigns.**

None since January 2020.

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Yours faithfully

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