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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI825528088**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Tattoo studio numbers - past ten years.

You have requested the following information:

**Q1) Please advise, based on your business rates database, how many tattoo-specific premises or tattoo studios were known to you for each financial year for the past 10 years.**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). We have not recorded the actual business use at a hereditament during the period requested.

**Q2a) Please can you advise, based on your Environmental Health records, how many premises were registered with you in order to provide tattooing services or were tattoo studios, during each financial year for the past 10 years under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (LGMPA 1982).**

**Please note that tattooing is considered alongside acupuncture, electrolysis, semi-permanent skin colouring, and piercing to be referred to more broadly as a 'special treatment', which is regulated by the above Act.**

The following are numbers from 31 March – till the 1st April of the following year.

2016/2017	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
26	37	32	42	24	37	48	54	P - 19	P - 38
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From 1 April 2024 onwards, premises carrying out special treatments are recorded and registered

under a discrete premises registration category.

The figures provided for 2024/25 and 2025/26 therefore represent unique premises registrations, deduplicated to ensure that each physical location is counted only once, regardless of the number of treatments offered or practitioners operating at that site.

**Q2b) Please can you advise, based on your Environmental Health records regarding the above premises, how many individual practitioners were registered with you in order to provide tattooing services or were working within tattoo studios, during each financial year for the past 10 years under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (LGMPA 1982)?**

In the same period, individual practitioners are also registered separately within the system. The figures for 2024/25 and 2025/26 represent unique individual practitioners (IP), deduplicated at individual level so that a person holding multiple licences or operating at more than one premises is counted once.

This approach reflects how the information is held in the current system and provides an accurate breakdown between:

- premises where licensable activities take place, and
- individual practitioners authorised to carry out those activities.

The methodology used for 2024/25 and 2025/26 differs from that applied to earlier years due to differences in system design and data structures.

2024/25 and 2025/26 figures are based on separate, clearly defined registrations for premises and individuals. Counts are deduplicated to avoid double counting. The figures represent the most accurate reflection of licensing activity as recorded in the system at the time.

For years prior to 1 April 2024, licensing information was held in a legacy system in which premises were not recorded using a discrete premises registration category. As a result, the Council has identified unique business addresses as the most accurate representation of registered locations for those years. When legacy datasets from 2016/17 to 2023/24 are combined and duplicate addresses removed, the Council identified 217 unique address locations where licensable activities were recorded during that period. These figures are based on address data as held in the legacy system and exclude later premises registration records.

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Yours faithfully

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