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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI862760608

Thank you for your request for information relating to Trading standards .

You have requested the following information:

- How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

10.

- How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

Six.

- How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

7.6.

- How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2018/19?

Nil.

- How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2022/23?

One.

- How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2025/26?

Two.

Trading standards activities

- How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

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.

The information for 2018/2019 is not held in a reportable format as it is held on a previous database whereby the search criteria is unable to provide this information. Therefore an officer would need to manually trawl every case individually to answer this part of your request. We estimated that this will exceed 18 hour and therefore this part of your request has been refused under section 12 of the Act.

- How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

317 Inspections.

- How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

224 Inspections.

- How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

13.

- How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

Nil.

- How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

Nil.

- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

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.

The request for informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings issued for these periods are not separate search criteria within our databases. Therefore an officer would need to manually trawl every case individually to answer this part of your request. We estimated that this will exceed 18 hour and therefore this part of your request has been refused under section 12 of the Act.

- How many age restricted test purchases (e.g. alcohol and tobacco, vapes, fireworks, knives etc) were carried out by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

Three.

- How many age restricted test purchases (e.g. alcohol and tobacco, vapes, fireworks, knives etc) were carried out by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

10.

- How many age restricted test purchases (e.g. alcohol and tobacco, vapes, fireworks, knives etc) were carried out by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

13.

- How many shop closures (either temporary or permanent) were ordered by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

Nil.

- How many shop closures (either temporary or permanent) were ordered by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

One.

- How many shop closures (either temporary or permanent) were ordered by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

Three.

- How many premises in your council area had their licences revoked or removed following concerns raised by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

One.

- How many premises in your council area had their licences revoked or removed following

concerns raised by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

Nil.

- How many premises in your council area had their licences revoked or removed following concerns raised by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

Two.

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Yours faithfully

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