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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI638270066

Thank you for your request for information relating to businesses facing legal action for selling vapes to under 16's.

You have requested the following information:

1. Between January 2024 and June 2024, how many businesses or individuals in your local area / jurisdiction, have faced legal action (charged/cautioned etc.) for selling vapes (or similar products) to people under the age of 18?

In the period between January 2024 and June 2024, there have been no charges or cautions for selling vapes to people under the age of 18. However, three businesses have been issued with closure orders under part 4 of the Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 within our local authority area.

As part of the evidence for these closure orders intelligence and complaints of underage sales of vapes was included. In addition to closure orders during this period when information, such as intelligence, is received regarding a business selling vapes to people under the age of 18 a warning letter is sent to the business in line with our staged enforcement approach. Within the period between January 2024 and June 2024 ten businesses have been sent warning letters.

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Yours faithfully

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