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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI659739271**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Illegal vaping and cigarette product seizures.

You have requested the following information:

**I'm getting in touch with an FOI request as I would like to receive information on the following questions for your local authority area, spanning the past 5 years in total up to the latest available data.**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request the following information:  
Please present this data annually for each of the below periods:**

**1st January 2024 > 17th October 2024**

**1st January 2023 > 31st Dec 2023**

**1st January 2022 > 31st Dec 2022**

**1st January 2021 > 31st Dec 2021**

**1st January 2020 > 31st Dec 2020**

Note: We advise that we only hold this data for the periods 2023 and 2024. We advise as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold information for the previous years.

**1. How many units of e-cigarettes/vaping devices/e-liquid goods were seized in total across the time periods?**

We only hold this data for the periods below:

1st January 2023 to 31st Dec 2023: 2,569 vapes

1st January 2024 to current date: 6,729 vapes

**2. How many units of cigarette packs were seized?**

1st January 2023 to 31st Dec 2023: 2,074 packs of cigarettes

1st January 2024 to current date: 9,599 packs of cigarettes

**3. The number of identified cases of illegal vaping products being in possession of, stocked, or sold by businesses or individuals**

1st January 2023 to 31st Dec 2023: 17 occasions

1st January 2024 to current date: 50 occasions

**4. How many (count of) fines or penalties have been issued for being in possession of, stocking, or selling illegal vapes?**

None. To assist, we use closure orders to shut down problem traders. This is deemed a more effective deterrent than a fine resulting from prosecution.

**5. What was the value in £ pound sterling of each fine issued by your local authority?**

Nil - see previous answer.

**5. How many retailers have been given premises closure orders in relation to illegal vape operations?**

Five.

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Yours faithfully

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