



Your reference: N/A

Our reference: FOI\_24\_0244

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Dear

### **Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0244**

On 26/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information related to the enforcement of the Children and Families Act 2014, as amended by The Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015.

Specifically, please provide me with:

1. The number of individuals who have been prosecuted in the last 12 months within your organisation's jurisdiction for the sale of nicotine inhaling products (sometimes known as "e-cigarettes", "vapes", or "vapour products") to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by the Gloucestershire Police Federation.
2. The number of businesses and sole traders subject to any penalty in the last 12 months (including but not limited to fine, opening restrictions, removal of premises license) for the sale of nicotine inhaling products (sometimes known as "e-cigarettes", "vapes", or "vapour products") to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by the Gloucestershire Police Federation.
3. The number of shops, and other places of business (including but not limited to market stalls, 'car-boot sales' and other point of sale locations) that officers have visited in the last 12 months for the purposes of detection and disruption of the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

This information is held by Trading Standards. Please see the below link which will take you directly to the Freedom of information page on the council's website.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/access-to-information/access-council-information/how-do-i-submit-my-request/>

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary