



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0673

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Date: 31/07/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0673

On 18/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Gloucestershire Constabulary. Please may you provide me with:

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?
2. Between January 2024 and June 2024, how many times have the police been involved in (attended / charged / investigated etc.) cases of 'spiking' in relation to spiked vapes or similar products?

Clarification:

A 'spiked vape / e-cigarette' is a vape that has been laced with substances such as, but not limited to; vapourised LSD, synthetic marijuana, or painkillers, which can lead to serious health implications. Examples of spiking include; adding substances to a product without the knowledge and/or consent from the victim.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Q1. No information held by Gloucestershire Constabulary. This is dealt with by Trading Standards.

Q2. A search of substantiated crimes has been conducted to identify records from 01/01/2024 – 30/06/2024 where the offence is one of the following:

- Administering a substance with intent

- Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- Administering poison so as to endanger life

A filter was then applied to identify records where the word “vape” is contained within the MO Freetext.

This has returned 0 (zero) results.

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

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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