



Ref: FOI / 5789

02<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Email:

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Illegal Goods**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. How many shops have your council's Trading Standards team seized illegal cigarettes, tobacco or vaping products from the individual financial years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025?

If possible, please break this down by:

- Estimated value in Pound Sterling of items seized
  - Total number of items seized
  - Product type seized (cigarettes, vapes, other vaping products such as e-liquids, rolling tobacco or other)
  - Type of shop (e.g. mini mart, vape shop, barber, car wash)
2. How many shops have been shut in your local authority due to seizures of illegal cigarettes, tobacco or vapes in the individual financial years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25?
    - Within each financial year, please break this down by:
      - Temporary closures
    - Permanent closures (Please indicate whether your Trading Standards body has the power to permanently close shops. If not, please indicate who does have this power and if you hold information on these figures.)
    - Number of times the same shop has been closed due to the above. Please indicate whether the most recent closure was permanent or temporary.

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## **Response**

Please be advised that it is a nil response to both questions, however, you may wish to contact the NI Trading Standards Service at:

[tss@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tss@economy-ni.gov.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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