

61064 Vape Shops

Numbers of all vape shops to be subject to enforcement action in the last five years.

Please see the attached document for all seizures of illicit nicotine-based products in the requested timeframe. Please note that the figures are provided by financial year.

Seizures of illegal vapes

All seizures of non-compliant vapes were dealt with by way of a warning and destruction of the goods. Please see attached spreadsheet for dates of seizures (this also includes data on illicit tobacco seizures).

Seizures were made from 60 premises over the period and quantities are as follows:

2020 - None

2021 - None

2022 - None

2023 – 5,817

2024 – 3,349

2025 - 455

2026 – 463

Please note that seizures were not undertaken in earlier years due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Test purchases attempted from premises that sell vaping products

In 2020, 4 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase.

In 2021, no test purchases were attempted.

In 2022, 27 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase

In 2023, 87 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase.

In 2024, 66 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase.

In 2025, 85 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase.

In 2026, 45 premises that sold vaping products were visited and subject to a test purchase.

Fixed Penalty Notices issued for breaches of tobacco and vaping laws

In 2024, 18 fixed penalty notices were issued to retailers of vapes for selling such products to persons under 18.

In 2025, 25 fixed penalty notices were issued to retailers of vapes for selling such products to persons under 18.

In 2025, 1 FPN was issued in relation to the possession for sale of single use vapes.

In 2025, two Tobacco and NVP Banning Orders were sought from the Court prohibiting two retailers from selling tobacco and vaping products in Edinburgh.

The first Banning Order was granted in April 2025, and the second order was granted in July 2025.

In 2026, two fixed penalty notices have been issued to vape retailers for selling products to persons under 18.

In 2026, one fixed penalty notice was issued for having in possession for sale single use vapes.

Details of the shops and details of which businesses and directors are behind them.

Details of any repeat offenders - who may have breached the law repeatedly or operated while banned.

Details of any businesses that were subject top court action on the same timeframe.

The enactment under which the Council claims this exemption is Part 9 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (Restrictions on Disclosure).