

64745 Premises Selling Tobacco or Vaping Products While Not on the Register

The number of premises identified as carrying on a tobacco or nicotine vapour product business from premises not entered on the Register, contrary to section 20 of the 2010 Act.

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 16

2024/25 - 3

2025/26 - 6

For each year, how those premises came to your attention, broken down between proactive checking by your service, a complaint or report from a third party, and any other route.

2021/22 – Not applicable.

2022/23 – Not applicable.

2023/24 - One report was made by a third-party. The remaining 15 instances were identified through a project undertaken into non-compliant vaping products.

2024/25 - One report was received by way of complaint. The remaining two instances were identified during the project detailed above.

2025/26 - All six instances were reported by way of complaint.

Whether your service carries out proactive checks to identify premises selling tobacco or vaping products that are not on the Register. If it does, how often those checks are carried out and when the most recent was completed. If it does not, please confirm that.

These checks are not part of a specific monitoring programme, but checks are made in response to intelligence, complaints and ad-hoc checks when premises changes are apparent.

What action was taken in respect of the premises identified above.

All identified premises were issued with information on the legislative requirements. All but one of the premises subsequently registered within the timescales set out by the enforcing officer.

One of the premises failed to register within the set timescale and was subsequently issued with a fixed penalty notice.