

From: Freedom of Information Requests
Sent: 22 July 2025 09:20
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 24 June 2025 for information about Illegal/Counterfeit Tobacco/Cigarettes Seizures and Prosecutions. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request

Specifically, I request the following information for each of the past five years, starting from January 1, 2019:

1. Seizure Data:

- The total quantity of illegal/counterfeit tobacco (e.g., number of cigarettes, kilograms of hand-rolling tobacco, or other relevant measures) seized by trading standards officers each year.
- The total number of instances (i.e., separate occasions) of such seizures each year.

2. Prosecutions:

- The number of prosecutions launched by trading standards against sellers of illegal/counterfeit tobacco and cigarettes each year.
- The number of successful prosecutions each year.
- The number of unsuccessful prosecutions each year.

Response

Year	No premises Tobacco products Seized from	Cigarette sticks	Hand rolling tobacco KG	Prosecutions launched	Prosecutions successful	Prosecutions unsuccessful
19/20	3	1600	0	3	3	0
20/21	6	520306	125.65	6	6	0
21/22	4	10960	11.05	4	4	0
22/23	18	41060	5.95	0	0	0
23/24	16	63280	27.3	0	0	0
24/25	16	25720	2.25	6	Ongoing	Ongoing

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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