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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 28 February 2024, for information about on the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

1. The number of individuals who have been prosecuted in the last 12 months within your organisation's jurisdiction for the sale of nicotine inhaling products (sometimes known as "e-cigarettes", "vapes", or "vapour products") to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

**Response:**

Zero individuals have been prosecuted in the last 12 months within City of Doncaster Councils jurisdiction for the sale of nicotine inhaling products as described above, to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by City of Doncaster Council.

**Request**

2. The number of businesses and sole traders subject to any penalty in the last 12 months (including but not limited to fine, opening restrictions, removal of premises license) for the sale of nicotine inhaling products (sometimes known as "e-cigarettes", "vapes", or "vapour products") to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

**Response:**

No businesses and sole traders have been subject to any penalty in the last 12 months for the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18, due to investigations conducted by City of Doncaster Council as you have described above.

**Request:**

3. The number of shops, and other places of business (including but not limited to market stalls, 'car-boot sales' and other point of sale locations) that council employees have visited in the last 12 months for the purposes of detection and disruption of the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18.

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council employees have visited 80 establishments as described above, in the last 12 months, for the purposes of detection and disruption of the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18.

**Request:**

4. The number of trading standard officers employed by the council whose job

description, roles and responsibilities, entail the investigation, detection, and disruption of the sale of nicotine inhaling products to individuals aged under 18 and/or the removal of illicit products from retailers.

**Response:**

Section 40 Refusal Notice:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested is third party personal data (i.e. personal data about someone other than you). Section 40 (2) provides that information which is third party personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of three conditions is satisfied. In this case the following condition applies:

- Disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles

The information you have requested in relation to council officers is personal data. Disclosure of the information would contravene the requirement in principle 1 that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. As an employer, City of Doncaster Council owes a duty of confidence to employees and in this case the information has been withheld as we believe that the release of such low numbers to responses could specifically lead to the identification of an employee who otherwise would not expect their personal information to be released into the public domain.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

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