



Ms Isobelle Kirkham

Reference: 60816596

Email:

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Date: 29 October 2025

Dear Ms Kirkham,

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 relating to **Disposable Vape Fines**. Please see the response provided below:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information:

The number of fines given to traders for the illegal sale of disposable vapes since 1st June 2025.

Please provide the information in an email response (preferred) or an Excel spreadsheet

No fines have been issued as fines are not issued directly by Trading Standards.

A fine can only be imposed following a successful prosecution in the Magistrates' Court. In such cases, the court determines the penalty, which may include an unlimited fine and, for serious offences, imprisonment of up to two years. No cases have been taken and progressed through the court system in this timeframe.

Trading Standards does have the ability to use Civil Sanctions under the legislation which can be applied by Trading Standards without going through the courts. These include fixed monetary penalties for initial offences, which is a civil sanction enforced through the civil courts as a debt. Current enforcement activity is primarily focused on education and compliance, with formal sanctions used where necessary. However, no fixed monetary penalties have been imposed to date.

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, you have 40 working days from the date of this response to ask for a review. You can do this by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/complaints-and-compliments#tab-10> on our website. Please quote the reference number 60816596 in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with both the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Details of what you need to do,

should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>, or you can phone the ICO Helpline on 0303 123 1113.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Officer
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