

REQUEST	16508	RESPONSE
	<p>1. How many instances of test purchasing vapes were carried out, to combat underage sales of vaping products?</p> <p>2. How many of these test purchases resulted in the sale of vapes/e-cigarette products to underage individuals?</p> <p>3. What is the £ cost of carrying out a single test purchase investigation?</p> <p>Please present this data annually for each of the below periods:</p> <p>1st January 2023 > 22nd November 2023 1st January 2022 > 31st Dec 2022 1st January 2021 > 31st Dec 2021 1st January 2020 > 31st Dec 2020 1st January 2019 > 31st Dec 2019</p> <p>If you are unable to retrieve 5 years of data for the above-requested information within the available FOI cost limit, please reduce the number of years to the last 3 years, or as far back as possible, to the latest available date.</p>	<p>1. 1st January 2023 > 22nd November 2023: 15 1st January 2022 > 31st Dec 2022: 8 1st January 2021 > 31st Dec 2021: 0 1st January 2020 > 31st Dec 2020: 1 1st January 2019 > 31st Dec 2019: 9</p> <p>2. 1st January 2023 > 22nd November 2023: 4 1st January 2022 > 31st Dec 2022: 3 1st January 2021 > 31st Dec 2021: 0 1st January 2020 > 31st Dec 2020: 1 1st January 2019 > 31st Dec 2019: 5</p> <p>3. There is no set cost for an investigation. Time taken on each case varies. Investigation costs are currently £95 per hour.</p>