



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 31/07/2025

2025/746 - "black market" vape products

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. The total number of sellers found to be in possession of illegal, unregulated or "black market" vape products.**
- 2. The number of sellers who faced any form of legal action, including but not limited to warnings, fines, charges, or prosecutions.**
- 3. The number of individuals formally prosecuted (i.e. individuals who were taken to court and faced criminal proceedings resulting in a conviction or ongoing trial).**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have search our systems for keywords "vape" or "e-cig" or "e-cigarette" in the Occurrence Summary or General Property Remarks or Drug Remarks. All the results would need manually reviewing to establish if they are relevant to your request. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/07/2025

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