



I understand your office is responsible for funding and managing the Trading Standards office for your region. If so, please provide the information requested below; if not, please provide the contact details for the relevant office who can deal with my request.

Under Freedom of Information, I would like to request:

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| 1. What was the total budgeted spending on Trading Standards in each of the last five fiscal years (April-April)? | <table border="0"><tr><td>Year</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>2021/22</td><td>356,079</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23</td><td>351,771</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24</td><td>367,340</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>400,368</td></tr><tr><td>2025/26</td><td>407,207</td></tr></table> | Year | £ | 2021/22 | 356,079 | 2022/23 | 351,771 | 2023/24 | 367,340 | 2024/25 | 400,368 | 2025/26 | 407,207 |
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| 2. How many complaints were made to Trading Standards in each of those five years – either via notifications from the public or other non-Trading Standards bodies? | <table border="0"><tr><td>2020/21 - 2691</td></tr><tr><td>2021/22 2150</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23 1774</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24 1850</td></tr><tr><td>24/25 1738</td></tr></table> | 2020/21 - 2691 | 2021/22 2150 | 2022/23 1774 | 2023/24 1850 | 24/25 1738 | | | | | | | |
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| 3. How many of the above cases in (2) were investigated by Trading Standards in each of those five years? | We are unable to identify complaints accurately that were not investigated further and with no further action. This is because all complaints will be initially considered and further action ranges from being noted for intelligence to enquiries made and investigated. The number of complaints that are elevated to an investigation with a view to criminal proceedings is identified in answer 4. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. How many cases resulted in referral for prosecutions or other corrective action (eg were not dismissed with no further action) in that time? | <table border="0"><tr><td>2020/21 6</td></tr><tr><td>2021/22 42</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23 33</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24 57</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25 46</td></tr><tr><td>25/26- 24 to date</td></tr></table> | 2020/21 6 | 2021/22 42 | 2022/23 33 | 2023/24 57 | 2024/25 46 | 25/26- 24 to date | | | | | | |
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- And, additionally:
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| 5. How many of the complaints in 2-4 involved potential Cancer Act (1939) violations, or concerns around claims to treat cancer? | None |
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