



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 38

Vape related incidents at waste disposal or recycling facilities

Query:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information held by your Fire and Rescue Service relating to incidents of fire attended by your service at waste disposal or recycling facilities, where the reported or suspected ignition source was the improper disposal of vaping devices (e.g. vapes or e-cigarettes containing lithium-ion batteries).

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2021 to the most recent date available:

- 1. The total number of confirmed or suspected vape-related fire incidents attended by your service at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and any other waste disposal, recycling, or waste transfer facilities*
- 2. A year-by-year breakdown of the above.*

For clarity:

- "Vape" includes disposable and rechargeable e-cigarette devices, whether sold legally or otherwise, that contain lithium-ion batteries.*
- "Vape-related fire incidents" include confirmed fires and incidents where a fire or ignition was suspected to have been caused by a vape or its battery during or following disposal.*

Please provide the information in an electronic format where possible (for example, Excel, CSV, or PDF).

Response:

We have carried out a search of our mobilising system and narrative log and can confirm that we don't have a record of any fires involving vapes or e-cigarettes at Household Waste Recycling Centres, or any other waste disposal, recycling, or waste transfer facilities during the specified time period.

Information accurate on the date provided: 16 February 2026