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Division



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

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agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Department of

**Fairmin, Environment
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12 February 2026

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 11 February 2026 which sought the following information:

- **The number of £200 fines issued by your local authority to individuals or businesses for breaches of the ban on single-use vapes that came into force on 1 June 2025.**
- **The total value of these fines issued within this timeframe.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is provided below.

Since the ban on single-use vapes came into force on 1 June 2025, DAERA has not issued any fines as the relevant Northern Ireland legislation does not permit issuance of fines or fixed penalty notices.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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