

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
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## Response to Request for Information

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### *Tobacco and Cigarettes*

#### **Request:**

Please would you provide me with:

A list of seizures of counterfeit alcohol and tobacco made by your local authority in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold information relating to the year 2013/14.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Please provide:

- a) the date
- b) whether it was alcohol or tobacco

In answer to your above questions, please see table below.

#### Note:

The information provided below is for an illicit product not counterfeit. The term "Counterfeit" is generally used for mainstream brands which are usually trademarked and are then illegally copied to make a fake product look like the genuine thing. We use the term "illicit" a product that is counterfeit or non duty

Whilst tobacco and cigarettes can be counterfeited we can only really tell if this has happened for UK based brands. It would be impossible to tell if, for example, a non-duty paid Russian cigarette is also counterfeit.

HRT stands for "hand rolling tobacco"

<b>Date</b>	<b>Illicit Cigarettes</b>	<b>Illicit Tobacco</b>
April 2014	920	4.7 kilogrammes HRT
April 2014	16,860	0
April 2014	60	0
August 2014	12,678	2.2 kilogrammes of HRT
August 2014	4,920	1.150 kilogrammes of HRT
August 2014	11,540	0.850 kilogrammes of HRT
September 2014	454	600 grams of HRT
September 2014	940	0.400 kilograms of Shisha
September 2014	0	250 grams of HRT
September 2014	0	41 packets of BLUNT
March 2015	1,920	450 grams of HRT
March 2015	1,900	0.30 kilogrammes of HRT
April 2015	57,707	21.005 kilogrammes of HRT
April 2015	2,080	0.750 kilogrammes of HRT
April 2015	21,176	0.700 kilogrammes of HRT
April 2015	5,084	542.5 grams of HRT
April 2015	397	52 of blunt wraps
July 2015	261,124	34.15 kilograms of HRT
July 2015	68,473	10.200 kilogrammes of HRT
July 2015	0	Approx. 3 kilos oral tobacco
August 2015	0	158 blunt wraps
August 2015	0	54 blunt wraps
August 2015	0	24 blunt wraps
October 2015	0	72 blunt wraps
November 2015	2,700	0
December 2015	0	206 packets of blunt
December 2015	20 Jin Ling	Approx. 50 packets of blunt
December 2015	0	95 packets of oral tobacco
December 2015	0	288 oral tobacco
January 2016	2,180	1.5 kilogrammes of HRT
January 2016	0	17 packets of blunt

The figure is Nil for illicit alcohol.

2. For each seizure, the estimated street value of these counterfeit goods in pounds sterling.

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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