

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

*Have there been reported incidents of black-market e-liquids, cartridges or other vaping products for sale in the UK?*

Black market e-liquids: there is one of counterfeit/black-market e-liquid report. This was on eBay and it was removed from sale. There are 2 unconfirmed reports of possible counterfeit vaping products.

*Have any raids or seizures taken place?*

There have been no raids relating to the above.

*Have cannabis-based e-liquids also begun to appear in the area? Have these been found to have the same vitamin acetate that has been found in US black market products.*

Yes, CBD e-liquids are in the area. As for illegal cannabis e-liquids that would be a police matter. As for the vitamin acetate question, we have not done any testing so would not know if this was the case.

*Black market products (cannabis-based) have been widely identified as being behind the thousands of cases of illness and 55 death in the US. Since this has come to light has trading standards stepped up its efforts to find and take off the market any dangerous products?*

No specific action from us as there has been no evidence or intelligence to indicate an issue. We always prioritise safety issues.

*How is trading standards on a local level approaching supporting businesses so they do not mistakenly stock illegal products? With so many brands in this fast-moving market, it can be hard to keep up.*

We have given no specific advice. It would be usual product safety advice, buy from reputable source and have traceability in place as required. We have advised 2 traders in this time but not specifically relating to IP issues.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottsc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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