

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**Please find attached a questionnaire regarding your Council's age-restricted sales test purchasing statistics as they relate to alcohol and off-licensed premises.**

### ANSWER

#### 1. Underage Sales of Alcohol from Off-licensed Premises - Test Purchase Results

Period	Total number of attempted test purchases	Total number of sales made
1st April 2011 - 31st March 2012	130	16
1st April 2010 - 31st March 2011	164	27
1st April 2009 - 31st March 2010	294	50

#### 2. Underage Sales of Alcohol from Off-licensed Premises - Test Purchase Outcomes

Period	Number of PND <sup>1</sup>	Number of Simple Cautions	Number of Prosecutions <sup>2</sup>	Number of License Reviews <sup>3</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Issued by either Police or Trading Standards Officer in respect of a Trading Standards-led underage sales operation on off-licensed premises

<sup>2</sup> Where informations have been laid; irrespective of eventual outcome

<sup>3</sup> Where a review of a premises license has been brought by Trading Standards in connection with (but not necessarily exclusively related to) an underage sales test purchase

<b>1st April 2011 - 31st March 2012</b>	16	0	0	4
<b>1st April 2010 - 31st March 2011</b>	25	0	7	7
<b>1st April 2009 - 31st March 2010</b>	45	0	2	2

### 3. Sales of Alcohol from Off-licensed Premises - Test Purchases By Trade Sector

In Leicester City Council all alcohol under age test purchasing is carried out in a formalised partnership with Leicestershire Police. Therefore all data above represents joint working and enforcement actions.

We have been unable to provide a breakdown of test purchases by trade sector due to the fact that our business actions database is not configured in a way that enable searches on chosen sectors. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

However, whilst making the searches to produce the statistical data it was estimated that over 90% of test purchases were from the group: Newsagents, Convenience Store and Off-Licence only. Supermarkets accounted for approx. 7%, with <2% petrol filling stations. We hope these estimates help.

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**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

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**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

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**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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Yours sincerely

**Lynn Wyeth**

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