

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27730

Staffing levels

- *How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2018/19?*

A – This is unknown to Suffolk Trading Standards as outside of our information retention period.

- *How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2022/23?*

A – 32

- *How many FTE members of staff were employed by your trading standards service in 2025/26?*

A – 32.5

- *How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2018/19?*

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- *How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2022/23?*

A – 0

- *How many FTE vacancies (if any) were your trading standards service carrying in 2025/26?*

A – 0

Trading standards activities

- *How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2018/19?*

A – This is unknown to Suffolk Trading Standards as outside of our information retention period

- *How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2022/23?*

A – 556

- *How many enforcement visits were carried out by your trading standards service in 2025/26?*

A – 1024

- *How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2018/19?*

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- How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

A – 13

- How many prosecutions were commenced by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

A – 7

- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

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- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2022/23?

A – 38

- How many informal cautions, letters of advice and written warnings were issued by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

A – 42

- How many age restricted test purchases (e.g. alcohol and tobacco, vapes, fireworks, knives etc) were carried out by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

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A – 24

- How many age restricted test purchases (e.g. alcohol and tobacco, vapes, fireworks, knives etc) were carried out by your trading standards service in 2025/26?

A – 90

- How many shop closures (either temporary or permanent) were ordered by your trading standards service in 2018/19?

A – Suffolk Trading Standards do not have Closure Powers.

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