Request Details – FOI6385

The British Heart Foundation is researching tobacco related issues for the annual health campaign No Smoking Day, which has helped millions of smokers attempt to quit.

Anecdotally, shisha smoking seems to be on the rise (and several local authorities tell us shisha bars are problematic in terms of enforcement). We'd like to raise awareness of the health harms of smoking shisha, which could help reduce some of the problems licensing authorities face.

Your help in answering the following questions as quickly as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Questions:

1. Please provide the number of premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars in your area.

2. Please provide the number of premises that were known to be operating as a shisha bars in 2007 in our area.

3. If your data does not go back as far as 2007, please provide the number of premises known to be operating as shisha bars for the oldest year possible, and please state which year you are providing data for.

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I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information regarding shisha bars held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. **Please provide the number of premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars in your area.**

15 known to us

2. **Please provide the number of premises that were known to be operating as a shisha bars in 2007 in our area.**

Approx 3 known to us

We would be more than happy to help with your campaign as there is a strong possibility that we also will be running a health messages campaign re shisha. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Janet Bradley, Operational Manager on 0121 303 5435.