

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/623

National Poisons Information Service (NPIS)

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information relating to the NPIS since 2009:

- i) How many incidents of exposures to vape pens containing opioids is the NPIS aware of?
- ii) How many incidents have there been of vape pens being found containing opioids?
- iii) How many incidents of exposures to vape pens containing synthetic cannabinoids is the NPIS aware of?
- iv) How many incidents have there been of vape pens being found containing synthetic cannabinoids?
- v) How many incidents of exposures to vape pens containing tetrahydrocannabinol is the NPIS aware of?
- vi) How many incidents have there been of vape pens being found containing tetrahydrocannabinol?
- vii) How many calls have there been from health professionals to the NPIS seeking expert advice on how to treat members of the public for vape poisoning in 2020, 2021, 2022, and from Jan until November 1st 2023?*
- viii) Of the above calls in from question viii) 2020, 2021, 2022, and from Jan until November 1st 2023 how many of those were relating to patients under the age of 18?*
- ix) Of the above calls in from question viii) 2020, 2021, 2022, and from Jan until November 1st 2023 how many of those were relating to patients under the age of 12?*

*Please send this information broken down by the respective years

Response Details:

Please note that the below data relates to telephone queries to the service. These are not analytically confirmed exposures.

This data is taken from enquiries to the NPIS from healthcare professionals and will not therefore pick up all cases in the UK meeting the criteria you list.

While this data may indicate trends, it is unable to give a true UK incidence of the situations you enquire about.

We are unaware of any enquiries regarding exposure to vape pens containing opioids to the NPIS in the time period requested.

	2009–2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cannabinoid/SPICE/CBD/SCRA	10	1	5	1	6
THC/Cannabis/Tetrahydrocannabinoid	6	2	2	1	7

	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to 1 Nov)
Enquiries to NPIS re e-cigarettes/vapes/refills	139	194	153	163
< 18 years	68	96	85	93
< 12 years	54	65	70	69