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Dear S Devi,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

**Re: Shisha/Waterpipe smoking**

**You are being asked as part of a study into how Local Authority achieve smoke-free compliance for businesses providing commercial waterpipe smoking**

**Anecdotally, shisha smoking seems to be on the rise and several local authorities have shisha bars which are problematic in terms of enforcement.**

**I ask your assistance in providing current information relating to waterpipe [shisha] in your Local Authority area.**

**This will provide a current overview of Shisha premises in London, how effective compliance has been and identify best practice for enforcement.**

**Your help in answering the following questions by the 23rd September would be greatly appreciated.**

1. Which department monitors and manages the smoke free legislation?

**Health & Safety, Regulatory Services**

2. Have you observed or had reports of an increase in use of waterpipe (Shisha) smoking in your area since 2007?

**Yes**

3. Please provide the number of premises that are known to be currently facilitating waterpipe smoking (Shisha) in your area.

**53 premises**

4. What numbers of premises required intervention in 2006 [pre Smoke free legislation] (HSE Codes of Practice)?

**Not known, we do not hold this data.**

5. What number of premises required intervention April 2015 – March 2016?

**Between 15 - 20**

6. What was the source of information which led to your interventions?

**Pro-active enforcement, complaints from members of the public and neighbouring businesses.**

7. Does your local authority have a strategy to achieve compliance with smoke free legislation?

**Yes, the Ealing Tobacco Control Strategy**

8. How many interventions led to prosecution?

**3**

9. Do you have re-offenders?

**Yes**

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Yours sincerely,

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