



# Derby City Council's Approach to Disposable Vapes

- All Nicotine Inhaling Products (NIP's) including disposable “vapes”, must be notified to the MHRA and cannot be sold in the UK until it is published on their website
- There must be a UK responsible person for the import/distribution of vapes and this must be on a leaflet or label with the product being sold
- Device capacity containing Nicotine liquid must not exceed 2ml, this equates to approximately 600 “puffs”
- Nicotine containing E-cigarette liquid cannot exceed a strength of 20mg/ml, often expressed as 2% or 0.2g (in 10ml). Any products labelled as 5% are illegal.
- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18.
- Various organisations are looking to get the laws changed in respect of NIP's

# The Law on Disposable Vapes



- Working with Trading Standards and Derby University on the Health Impacts of Counterfeit Vapes
- In partnership with our Smoking Cessation Team and Trading Standards, looking to correctly and legally supply vapes to Service Users as an aid to quit smoking
- Including vapes as an issue to be looked at and reviewed as part of the Tobacco Control Needs Assessment
- Working in partnership with schools to support and address the problem of youth vaping in and around schools

# Our Public Health Approach



- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes to persons under the age of 18 but it is currently not illegal to give them away as, for example, “free samples”, the Government is looking to close this loophole
- So far, Derby City Council’s Trading Standards Service has received 36 complaints relating to the underage sale of “vapes”
- All shops visited will be advised of the visit and given guidance on their legal responsibilities in respect of age restricted products, except two where further action is required
- Derby City Council actively encourages the use of the Challenge 25 policy
- Derby City Council’s Trading Standards Service has responded to the Government’s “Youth Vaping call for Evidence” questionnaire

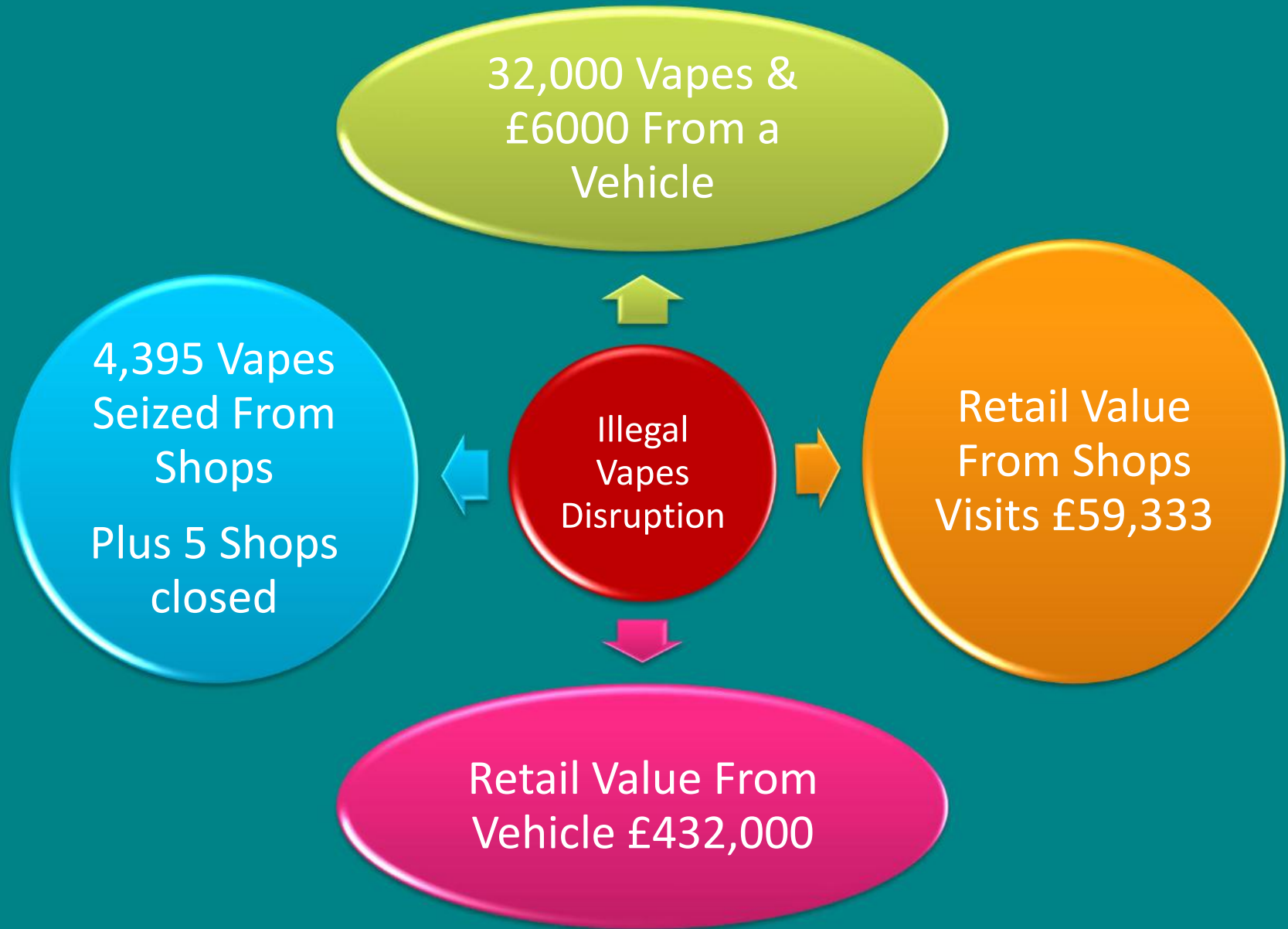
# Underage Sales Enforcement & The Government’s “Youth Vaping Call for Evidence”



- 1 Funded Disruption Officer
- 34 shops visited where vapes were seized from
- 3 Warning Letters Issued
- 3 Ongoing Investigations
- 5 Shops Closed Including One via the use of a Closure Order
- 6 Warrants Executed so Far, 3 of those resulted in non-compliant/counterfeit vapes being found
- £6,241 of POCA money has been seized, however difficult to separate this from investigations where illegal tobacco was also found and POCA amounts are much higher
- Additional purchase of a storage container to securely store seized products

# Enforcement of Counterfeit and Non-Compliant Disposable Vapes





- Poisonings – from ingestion of vape liquids, mostly reported in under 5's, In 2021 this was 82 children (National Poisons Information Service)
- Fires – 15 fires resulting from vaping occurred between January 2017 and October 2021 this does not include recent bin lorry fires caused by disposable vapes
- Explosions – Can occur in the mouth, hands or pockets and cause severe burns and injuries requiring prolonged medical treatment
- 0% NIP's governed by the General Product Safety Regulations 2005, still not risk free
- Customisation of vaping products to include drugs
- Recycling
- WEEE Regulations

# Product Safety/Environmental Impacts







# Research/Education/Messaging