



Derry City & Strabane  
District Council

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Derry Cittie & Strabane  
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Ref: FOI / 1413

22 September 2017

Ms  
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Email: news@strabaneweekly.co.uk

Dear Ms

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request SWN FOI - life-saving lines - disabled ramp**

Firstly, I apologise for the delay in our response. I'm sure you're aware of the unprecedented flooding in the area following exceptionally heavy rainfall which damaged hundreds of homes and businesses and closed major roads throughout the city and hinterland. Council have been extremely busy assessing these homes and directing emergency payments to householders. Council staff had been drafted in to assist from across the organisation due to the scale and nature of the situation, which has resulted in a delay in processing our response.

#### **Request:**

- 1: The total number of life-saving lines that have gone missing/ had to be replaced by council at watercourses across the Strabane district in the last three - five years due to theft and/or vandalism.
- 2: A breakdown of areas to include: the disabled ramp at Melvin, Riverside walk at Meetinghouse Street, Castle Site in Castlederg, Mourneside river walk in Sion Mills, Harrigan Park and Vaughans Holm, Newtownstewart, the Canal Walk at Ballymagorry and Moirlough.
- 3: The supply costs per device.
- 4: The total cost to the local authority over the period covered in answer to number one to replace the devices.

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**Response:**

Please see the attached spreadsheet in response to Q1 and Q2. I would advise however that due to change in responsibilities during the transition of RPA this is the only available information held by Derry City and Strabane District Council and the information provided relates to only those lifebelts for which Council has responsibility. The information in red at the bottom of the table is outside Council's remit.

Q3. £70 per unit

Q4 £490

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
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Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Head of Environment**

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