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Ref: FOI / 6625

27th August 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Local Authority Flags

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Please could you tell me the following:

1. **How much has your local authority has spent removing unauthorised flags that have been erected on lamp posts and other street furniture in the year August 1st, 2025-August 1st, 2026, and if known, how many flags were removed.**

   If data is not available for this date range, can you give data for the last twelve months held and specify the date range.

   Not Applicable. This does not fall within Councils remit, therefore, please contact the Department for Infrastructure who will be able to assist you. Please see the details below:

   https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/public-access-information

2. **How much has your local authority spent on erecting Union Jack or St Georges flags from August 1st, 2025- August 1st, 2026, and if known, how many.**

   If data is not available for this date range, can you give data for the last twelve months and specify the date range.

   Not Applicable as Council do not erect flags.

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3. **How many complaints has your local authority received about unauthorised flags being erected on lamp posts and other street furniture in the year August 1st, 2025-August 1st, 2026, and since August 1st, 2026.**

   If data is not available for this date range, can you give data for the last twelve months and specify the date range.

   Not Applicable.

4. **If accessible within the cost limit, please also provide the same data for questions 1, 2 and 3 for the prior year in the same format.**
   (For instance, if providing data in the format August 1st, 2025 - August 1st, 2026, please also include August 1st, 2024 - August 1st, 2025.)

   Not Applicable.

5. **If there is another local authority that might also hold the same data (for instance, a higher or lower tier local authority - a county council or a distract council), please name it.**

   The Department for Infrastructure, please see the details below:

   https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/public-access-information

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

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

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Ellen Cavanagh
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