

Ref: FOI / 6176

22nd December 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Agency Staffing for Internal and External Communications

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Please provide the following data:

1. 2025/26 Actuals and Outturn Forecast

- a. Provide the total number of days a temporary worker was employed via an agency for the communications roles defined above from 6 April 2025 to the date of this request.**

None

- b. Provide the council's current projected year-end outturn for the total number of agency days for these roles for the full 2025/26 financial year (ending 31 March 2026).**

No plans for agency staff next year and no budget set aside

- c. Provide a breakdown of these days (actual and forecast) by job grade or title (e.g., Communications Officer, Senior Communications Officer, Communications Manager).**

N/A

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2. 2026/27 Planned Requirements

- a. Provide the total number of days currently budgeted or forecasted for agency-provided communications staff for the 2026/27 financial year.**

No plans for agency staff next year and no budget set aside

- b. Provide a breakdown of this requirement by job grade or title.**

Not Applicable

- c. Financial Qualifier: Note that I am requesting the currently held financial forecasts and draft budget allocations for 2026/27 as they exist at the time of this request. If these forecasts do not yet segment requirements by specific job title, please provide the department's overall forecasted budget or total "headcount days" for temporary agency workers within the communications function.**

Not Applicable

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
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

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

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, 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

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