

Ref: FOI / 6211

12th February 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Uses of Data Analytics, Predictive Analytics, or Algorithmic Automated Systems in Council Decision-Making

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I am submitting the following Freedom of Information Request for information relating to uses of data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems used for processing, risk assessment, scoring systems or automated decision making within the jurisdiction of your authority. This could include the use of these data systems in order to draw insights from large and integrated datasets, or to influence decisions about resources, funding or service delivery. This could include, but may not be limited to, uses of predictive analytics in children's services, adult social care, health care, housing and homelessness, low-income and debt support, fraud detection, or policing.

- 1. Please can you provide a list of the council's data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems?**

We don't use any

- 2. Which areas are they used in? (For example, "children's services relating to Child Criminal Exploitation" or "homelessness provision").**

N/A

- 3. Which different datasets are used to contribute to this and where does the data come from?**

N/A

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4. Please can you tell me the names of any projects, provisions, or pilots you have at the moment relating to these?

None

5. The names of companies you have contracts with to supply data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems.

None

6. The amount of funding supplied by any companies relating to data analytics.

None

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
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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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