Derry City & Strabane
District Council
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Ref: FOI / 6445

01st July 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - FPNs for Dog Licencing

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Q. How many fixed penalty notices were issued in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and from 1st January 2026-1st May 2026 by the Council for failing to licence a dog.

A. Derry City and Strabane District Council provides the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) with statistical information on a wide range of dog control service areas including dog licences, dog attacks, dog fouling, stray and unwanted dogs, inter alia. This information is provided by Councils on a quarterly basis, collated and held by DAERA. It is then referred to by Councils and DAERA when providing responses to dog related information requests from the media, the public, animal welfare; as well as FOI responses. The yearly statistical information (1st April to 31st March) of fixed penalty notices for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 issued by the Council for failing to licence a dog can be found in the DAERA website, listed under Council Dog Summary Statistics, the link page is https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/council-dog-summary-statistics. There were 17 fixed penalty notices issued from 1st January to 1st May 2026 on dog owners who failed to license their dog.

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:

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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

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.