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Ref: FOI / 6577

12th August 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Council Workers Working Outside the UK

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

This is an information request relating to council officers being given permission to work from outside the United Kingdom. By United Kingdom, I refer to Northern Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland, not including the crown dependencies.

Please include the following information, for the 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 financial years:

1. **The number of staff, per year, given permission to work from abroad**

   None

2. **For each member of staff granted permission, please provide:**

   a. **their pay band**
   b. **the country they have been allowed to work from**
   c. **the length of time that they have been allowed to work for and**
   d. **the dates they were allowed to work from abroad**

   Not applicable

3. **The longest time a member of staff has been granted permission to work from abroad and what country they went to.**

   Not applicable

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4. **The highest ranking officer that was allowed to work from abroad**

   Not applicable

5. **The current number of people working from abroad and where they are.**

   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
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.

Yours sincerely

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Lead HR Officer