Derry City & Strabane District Council
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04th August 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Playpark Injuries

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Could Derry City & Strabane District Council please provide the following information:

1. **The number of injuries logged in council-owned playparks, broken down by specific playpark, for each of the past five years.**

   A total of 8 injuries were logged, please see a breakdown in the table below:

Playpark	Number of Injuries
Ballyarnet Playpark	1
Clooney/Bond Street	1
Glebe Park	1
Mourne Park	1
Nelson Drive	1
Mourne Park	1
St Columbs Park	1
Tullyalley Park	1

2. **The total amount of compensation paid out for injuries which took place in council-owned playparks for each of the past five years and;**

   £46,371.45, this figure is inclusive of all associated legal costs.

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3. **The highest single compensation amount paid to an individual for an injury which occurred in a council-owned playpark for each of the past five years, specifying in which playpark this occurred**

   £19,892.20 (inclusive of all associated legal costs).

The Council believes that as only one injury occurred in each play park that to identify the play park, or to break the response by year, runs the risk in a small community that this could be linked to an individual and breach data protection obligations. The Council is therefore declining to provide this information on the basis of the exemption in Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. As this is an absolute exemption the Council is not required to consider the public interest test.

Section 40(2) – Personal information

This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the GDPR.

Section 40 (DPA)

I would advise however that Council considers some information to be exempt under the FOI Act under Article 40(2) and names have therefore been omitted from the document. Please treat this as a refusal notice for the relevant exemptions applied.

The Council believes that any detailed information would be personal data as defined by Section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act (DPA) as it relates to an identifiable individual.

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
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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

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Lead Legal Services Officer