



Ref: FOI / 5731

04<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Email:

Dear

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Housing Inspections

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

### 1. How many inspections of housing have been carried out by your EHO officials in each of the last five years.

Unfortunately, we cannot determine the number of property inspections for NIHE/Housing association properties as there are over 4862 individual records relating to the time period included in the request.

Under the freedom of information act we are permitted to charge for any work that would take over 18 hours to correlate which would cost £25.00 per hour. As we estimate that this would take over 85 hours to correlate, please see the total estimated cost below:

85 Hours x £25.00 Per Hour = £2125.00

Please note that if you were able to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to provide the information requested if it takes under 18 hours to correlate.

However, if your interest lays in the private rented sector, as the enforcement notices you refer to applies to the private rented sector apart from abatement notices, you can apply to either the NIHE/Housing Associations or the private rented sector properties. If this is the case the number of property inspections for the private sector have been provided below.

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**2. Of those inspections, how many resulted in a Statutory Nuisance Abatement Notice, Notice of Unfitness or Notice of Disrepair each year.**

Please see the information requested below on the table below.

<b>Query</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
1. The number of complaints the Council received relating to conditions of properties in the Social Housing & Private Rented Sector.	168	190	197	251	186
2. The number of inspections carried out (only compliance visits related to private tenancies can be accurately reported)	37 PTCV	18 PTCV	70 PTCV	158 PTCV	128 PTCV
3. The number of notices of disrepair	2	0	2	2	15
Notices of unfitness	0	0	2	0	1
Abatement notices issued by the council.	9	5	9	21	7

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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