

Ref: FOI / 6377

21st May 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Council Internet Use

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I am writing to obtain information about the use of council computers and internet services.

Please note, by 'council computers' I mean all council owned or leased devices (laptops, desktops, mobile phones etc) used by council staff. Please include the requested data regardless of whether the search / use took place on council property.

By 'internet services' I am referring to any council funded internet services, whether in the council offices or at remote working staff locations.

Please provide me with the following information for the previous three financial years (2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25):

- 1. The number of times council computers or internet services were used to access Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Disney + in each of the requested years.**

0, all those sites are blocked on the council's firewall.

- The total number of search requests made for adult content websites on council computers or internet services. If this is too broad, please amend the search for any website containing the words 'pornography', 'porn' or 'XXX' in the URL, in each of the requested years.**

0, all those categories are also blocked on the council firewall.

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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

Kevin O'Connor
Head of Business