



Derry City & Strabane  
District Council

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Ref: FOI / 5947

05<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Housing & Accommodation Expenditure**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

**Q. The total amount of council money spent on accommodation (hotels, B&Bs, hostels or any other form of temporary housing) for persons seeking asylum, refugees or other migrants\* within the council area between 1 January 2020 and 8 August 2025, broken down by calendar month where possible.**

**\*\*"Migrants" include any person placed under the Home Office's dispersal or asylum accommodation programme.**

A. Council holds no data on contracts or contract values.

Please be advised that this does not fall within council's remit as the housing of asylum seekers, refugees or migrants is a matter for the home office who commission accommodation via Mears. Please see the details below:

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/contacts/freedom-information>

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:

### **Derry**

C/o Council Offices  
98 Strand Road  
Derry  
BT48 7NN

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47 Derry Road  
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98 Strand Road  
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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: [caserwork@ico.org.uk](mailto:caserwork@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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Karen McFarland**  
**Director of Health and Community**