

Ref: FOI / 5947

05th 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

Strabane

C/o Council Offices
47 Derry Road
Strabane
BT82 8DY

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John Kelpie
Chief Executive
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98 Strand Road
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystرابane.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

Karen McFarland
Director of Health and Community