

Ref: FOI / 5916

13<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Pride Month 2025**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

**This is an information request relating to Pride month 2025. Please include the following information:**

- 1. Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so, please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event.**

Derry City and Strabane District Council do not organise any events directly for Pride Month. Foyle Pride Festival takes place in the City and receives funding from DCSDC, see below.

- 2. Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2025/26 financial year. If so, please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost.**

Council have funded a Pride Sign in Strabane, total cost £885.

- 3. Whether the organisation have sponsored any Pride events. If so, which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value).**

Council has funded Foyle Pride £8,119 through the Community Festival Funding Grant Scheme for the financial year 2025/26.

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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  
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: [john.kelpie@derrystرابane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystرابane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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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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