



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Ref: FOI / 5985

01st October 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Football Pitches Owned and Operated by DCSDC

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. How many football pitches did the council own on 1 January of each of the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025?

Year	Number of pitches
2019	40
2020	40
2021	39
2022	40
2023	43
2024	42
2025	42

2. Of football pitches owned by the council, how many did the council operate on 1 January of each of the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025?

Year	Number of pitches
2019	40
2020	40
2021	39
2022	40
2023	43
2024	42
2025	43

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3. How many football pitches owned by the council were closed down or sold in each of the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025?

Year	Number of pitches
2019	0
2020	0
2021	1
2022	0
2023	0
2024	1
2025	1

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: 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

Barry O'Hagan
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