



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Ref: FOI / 630

24 June 2016

Mr
Email: @qub.ac.uk

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Summer Scheme Foyle Arena

I refer to your FOI request as above and respond as follows:

- **How long has best practice been in place?**

As part of the convergence process due to the merging of Derry City and Strabane District Council, a review of Council summer schemes has taken place specifically for the 2016/17 Summer Sports Camps. As part of this process best practice was identified and will be put in place for the 2016/17 Summer Sports Camps.

- **Where has it been established?**

The Council has reviewed best practice guidance set out by the Health and Social Care Board of Northern Ireland and also sought advice from independent industry experts Quality Leisure Management (QLM), who are registered with all 11 Councils in Northern Ireland.

- **What are the overall cost to run the camps, please outline income and expenditure for the past 3 years?**

Summer Schemes/Camps in their current format have only been operating for the past year in Foyle Arena, past two years in Templemore Sports Complex. Camps in the Strabane area have operated for the past three years.

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	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Total Income	£3,190	£20,981.00	£72,254.60
Total Expenditure	£17,446.47	£47,859.93	£85,339.59
Net Cost	£14,256.47	£26,878.93	£13,084.99

- **How many children attended the camps in the last 3 years and how many children were 6 – 8 year olds?**

On average the total of 6/7 year olds attending summer schemes in the past three years are 25% of the total amount of 4109 children that have attended.

- **What was the childcare requirement for this particular age group in terms of extra staff?**

In previous years, schemes worked on a general principal of a 1 staff member to 15 children ratio for all age groups. This year's schemes have taken on board the recommendations from best practice guidance and in 2016 our camps will operate on the principal of 1 staff member to 8 children ratio.

- **How much to include just this age group in the camps?**

Currently 8 year olds are included in the 2016 Summer Sports Camps. If we increased the participation numbers to include an additional 50 children in each of our 3 schemes, essentially an additional 150 children, specifically for 6 to 7 year olds, the costs would be an estimated additional £31,500 in staffing costs alone, for a 4 week scheme based on the best practice guidance being employed in 2016.

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

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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