

Ref: FOI / 5960

12th September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Dog Fouling and Dog-Related Issues in Public Parks

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I am writing to request the following information regarding dog fouling and dog-related issues within your local authority area, covering the most recent full calendar year (or the latest data available):

General Area Data

1. The number of fines issued for dog fouling offences.

Year	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Amount	2	4	2	4	6

2. The total number of dog-fouling-related complaints received.

Year	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Amount	337	246	245	204	216

3. The number of dedicated dog waste bins is currently provided by the council.

2024-2025 - 755

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Park-Specific Data

4. A list of public parks managed by the council.

- St Columb's Park, Derry
- Culmore Country Park
- Brooke Park, Derry
- Bay Road Nature Reserve, Derry
- Ballyarnet Country Park, Derry
- Kilfennan Park, Derry
- Top of the Hill Park, Derry
- Creggan Burn Park
- Claudy Country Park, Claudy
- Castle Park, Castlederg

5. For each park:

a. The number of dog-related complaints received.

We do not record and hold information in this manner.

b. Of those, how many are specifically related to dog fouling?

We do not record and hold information in this manner.

6. Which park received:

a. The highest number of dog-related complaints.

We do not record and hold information in this manner.

b. The lowest number of dog-related complaints.

We do not record and hold information in this manner.

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@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

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