

Ref: FOI / 5937

13<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Number of HMO Breaches & Prosecutions 2023 & 2024**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

**I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

**1. The total number of recorded breaches of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) regulations within the Derry City Council area during the past two calendar years (2023 and 2024).**

- 2023 – Nil
- 2024 – 1

**2. The number of prosecutions initiated or completed by Derry City Council in relation to these HMO breaches during the same period.**

Council didn't initiate any prosecutions, however, issued one FPN notice pursuant to [Section 30\(1\)](#) "unlicensed HMO – owner" of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (offence date 13/12/2024).

**3. If possible, I would appreciate a breakdown of the types of breaches and the outcomes of any prosecutions (e.g., fines, convictions, etc.).**

As per the response for answer 2, the FPN notice of £5000 was paid (04/04/2025).

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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:

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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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