

Ref: FOI / 5832

10 July 2025

Mr [REDACTED]

Email: request-1298711-74d39438@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Cloud Infrastructure

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. Data Centres and On-Premise Facilities

1a. How many data centres, server rooms, or similar on-premise facilities are currently operated or managed by the council?

- 2

1b. Please provide a breakdown of each type.

- We have 2 Server rooms, One located in our main offices @98 Strand Road and the other is our DR server room is located in our Strabane office

2. Data Storage

2a. What is the breakdown of the council's data stored across the following environments?

Please provide either the percentage or numerical breakdown for each type:

- On-premise
 - 50%
- Public cloud
 - 0%

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- Private cloud
- 50% (Microsoft)
- Hybrid (a mix of on-premise and cloud)
- 0%

3. Cloud Migration

3a. Has the council migrated any data or services to the cloud in the past three years?

- Yes, we have migrated our emails to office365 and are in the process of moving to one drive and SharePoint

3b. If applicable, can you provide a list of systems migrated (e.g., HR, CRM, Finance, etc.)?

- Email
- File servers

3c. If applicable, please could you provide the cloud service provider(s) used for each migration?

- Microsoft

4. Cloud Adoption Policy

4a. Does the council have a formal cloud adoption policy?

- No

5. Cloud Data Location Monitoring

5a. Does the council monitor the physical location of its cloud-hosted data (answer yes or no)?

- Yes, all data needs to be in the UK or EU

5b. If applicable, please can you provide how this is tracked?

- During the procurement phase its inserted as a clause in the contract

6. Financial Information on IT Infrastructure

6a. For the past five years, can you provide the annual spend on your IT Infrastructure?

2021	£19,692.04	(3 Year Hardware Support for servers and Sans)
2023	£7795.20	(1 Year Hardware Support for servers and Sans)
2024	£12,411.69	(1 Year Hardware Support for servers and Sans)
2025	£13126.29	(1 Year Hardware Support for servers and Sans)
2025	£62378.18	New core network and switches for main council offices

6b. If applicable, please provide the breakdown of spend for each year of the last 3 years and for each of the following categories:

- Hardware (Servers, Computers, Network Devices, Storage Systems)

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- Software

- Networks

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- Data Centres

- Cloud Infrastructure (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS)

2022 – 2025	£499.104	Office365 licenses, Druva Backup, and support
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- Security Systems

2023	£22,766.27	New Firewalls
2023 – 2025	£11583.00	Symantec end point protection
2025 – 2028	£60413.00	Mimecast Email Filter, Renewed this year for 3 years

- IT Service Management
- External consultancy for cloud migration or IT modernisation
- 2022: £21,255.00 - Office365 migration and remove of on premises exchange servers

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: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, 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

Kevin O'Connor
Head of Business