



4th August 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 847

Your request for information received on 01 July 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

Can we please request information relating to £46m public expenditure on temporary accommodation in Derry/ Strabane over the last five years.

Could you provide:

- *An anonymised list of (i) the total amount paid to each provider; (ii) the number of nights stay provided by each provider; (iii) the average cost per nightly stay for each provider, for each of the last five years.*

Our response

It is our understanding that the £46m figure regarding temporary accommodation expenditure which you have referenced in your query relates to information drawn from the previous response to FOI 731 (Internal Review).

Please note that a revised response to FOI 731 (Internal Review) has since been issued providing clarification that the £46m figure drawn from this response relates to the total costs for non-standard temporary accommodation made available by each provider across Northern Ireland as a whole.

(i) The total amount paid to each provider in Derry/ Strabane

Table 1 below details the total costs for non-standard temporary accommodation made available by each provider within the Derry and Strabane District Council Area over the past five years. Each provider is listed by a number which remains consistent across each of the five years and is consistent with the numbering provided within FOI 731 (Internal Review).

It should be noted that when referring to the Derry City and Strabane District Council Area, this relates to premises which are located within the Council Area.

Table 1: Total annual payments made to non-standard providers in Derry City and Strabane District Council Area from 2020/21 to 2024/25

Provider	Council Area	2020/21
1	Derry City and Strabane	£33,145.00
2	Derry City and Strabane	£9,275.00
5	Derry City and Strabane	£152,315.00
15	Derry City and Strabane	£854,446.41
19	Derry City and Strabane	£1,350.00
20	Derry City and Strabane	£3,144.17
26	Derry City and Strabane	£315,060.00
27	Derry City and Strabane	£748,836.05
30	Derry City and Strabane	£4,995.00
32	Derry City and Strabane	£5,720.00
35	Derry City and Strabane	£149,600.00
36	Derry City and Strabane	£113,958.00
37	Derry City and Strabane	£28,758.60
48	Derry City and Strabane	£22,140.00
53	Derry City and Strabane	£6,430.00
58	Derry City and Strabane	£1,925.00
64	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
65	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
75	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
78	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
83	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
86	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
87	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
95	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
97	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
102	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00

Provider	Council Area	2021/22
1	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
2	Derry City and Strabane	£139,464.00
5	Derry City and Strabane	£339,115.00
15	Derry City and Strabane	£1,313,865.00
19	Derry City and Strabane	£1,050.00
20	Derry City and Strabane	£998.29
26	Derry City and Strabane	£291,975.00
27	Derry City and Strabane	£716,772.10
30	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
32	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00

35	Derry City and Strabane	£280,425.00
36	Derry City and Strabane	£74,220.00
37	Derry City and Strabane	£97,708.00
48	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
53	Derry City and Strabane	£14,920.00
58	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
64	Derry City and Strabane	£4,126.08
65	Derry City and Strabane	£260.00
75	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
78	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
83	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
86	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
87	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
95	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
97	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
102	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00

Provider	Council Area	2022/23
1	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
2	Derry City and Strabane	£171,660.00
5	Derry City and Strabane	£548,630.00
15	Derry City and Strabane	£1,743,861.00
19	Derry City and Strabane	£800.00
20	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
26	Derry City and Strabane	£373,680.00
27	Derry City and Strabane	£1,072,075.87
30	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
32	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
35	Derry City and Strabane	£332,250.00
36	Derry City and Strabane	£60,335.00
37	Derry City and Strabane	£133,172.00
48	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
53	Derry City and Strabane	£34,270.00
58	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
64	Derry City and Strabane	£3,296.40
65	Derry City and Strabane	£945.00
75	Derry City and Strabane	£121,125.00
78	Derry City and Strabane	£700.00
83	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
86	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
87	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
95	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
97	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
102	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00

Provider	Council Area	2023/24
1	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
2	Derry City and Strabane	£355,127.00
5	Derry City and Strabane	£747,045.00
15	Derry City and Strabane	£1,681,615.00
19	Derry City and Strabane	£1,250.00
20	Derry City and Strabane	£50,661.67
26	Derry City and Strabane	£415,440.00
27	Derry City and Strabane	£1,512,999.64
30	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
32	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
35	Derry City and Strabane	£340,568.20
36	Derry City and Strabane	£119,850.00
37	Derry City and Strabane	£147,766.00
48	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
53	Derry City and Strabane	£35,845.00
58	Derry City and Strabane	£800.00
64	Derry City and Strabane	£9,940.88
65	Derry City and Strabane	£17,550.00
75	Derry City and Strabane	£569,060.00
78	Derry City and Strabane	£162,700.00
83	Derry City and Strabane	£346,108.40
86	Derry City and Strabane	£96,481.00
87	Derry City and Strabane	£24,560.00
95	Derry City and Strabane	£221,022.00
97	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
102	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00

Provider	Council Area	2024/25
1	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
2	Derry City and Strabane	£463,948.00
5	Derry City and Strabane	£873,490.00
15	Derry City and Strabane	£2,103,770.78
19	Derry City and Strabane	£20,591.00
20	Derry City and Strabane	£78,554.17
26	Derry City and Strabane	£463,760.00
27	Derry City and Strabane	£1,664,173.26
30	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
32	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
35	Derry City and Strabane	£394,897.00
36	Derry City and Strabane	£71,315.00
37	Derry City and Strabane	£88,886.00
48	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
53	Derry City and Strabane	£1,000.00
58	Derry City and Strabane	£22,700.00

64	Derry City and Strabane	£15,766.48
65	Derry City and Strabane	£44,935.00
75	Derry City and Strabane	£760.00
78	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
83	Derry City and Strabane	£117,066.00
86	Derry City and Strabane	£32,578.00
87	Derry City and Strabane	£0.00
95	Derry City and Strabane	£394,725.00
97	Derry City and Strabane	£37,840.00
102	Derry City and Strabane	£521,915.00

(ii) the number of nights stay provided by each provider

The Housing Executive holds information within the scope of this request, however, considers that the provision of this information alongside the total annual payments made to providers as above would amount to disclosing agreed nightly rates for providers.

The Housing Executive considers information relating to agreed rates and payments to temporary accommodation providers to be exempt from disclosure as detailed below and is therefore also unable to disclose the information requested above.

(iii) the average cost per nightly stay for each provider

In relation to your request for the nightly rate agreed for each provider, the Housing Executive holds information relating to agreed rates and payments to temporary accommodation providers that falls within the scope of the request but considers this to be exempt from disclosure on the basis of FOIA Section 43 (2), as complying with the request would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of Housing Executive and the accommodation providers.

This is a 'qualified' exemption and therefore we have considered the public interest test and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The factors which have been taken into account in reaching this conclusion are set out as follows: there is a public interest in openness, transparency and accountability about how public funds are spent and decisions are made. However, there is a strong public interest in avoiding unwarranted prejudice to the commercial interests of Housing Executive and the accommodation providers.

Providing an indication of the rates that the Housing Executive has previously accepted would prejudice the Housing Executive's commercial interests and ability to obtain value for money and a competitive market rate in the future. Further, it would prejudice the commercial interests of those providers as others will be aware of the rates being obtained. The balance

of the public interest favours avoiding this prejudice to the commercial interests of the Housing Executive and the accommodation providers.

This concludes our response.