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Our Ref: FOI 643

Request

We received your request on 14 January 2025 for the following information:

Thank you for your FOI response FOI 619 of 6 Jan 2025, in regards to the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol.

In order to understand recourse to this protocol, please provide

1/ information on the number of times the protocol has been triggered since 01 January 2024, by date and including, in each instance, the weather factor(s) which triggered its implementation as per section 2.0 of the Protocol.

2/ information on the number of times since 01 January 2024, including the relevant dates, that the Communications Team has publicised the decision to implement the SWEP (eg via 'general social media notification', per section 5.7 of the protocol)

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

1. Information on the number of times the protocol has been triggered since 01 January 2024, by date and including, in each instance, the weather factor(s) which triggered its implementation as per section 2.0 of the Protocol.

The following table provides the number of occasions in which the Housing Executive implemented the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) from 1st January 2024 until the date of the Freedom of Information request, with associated weather conditions.

Date of SWEP	Weather Conditions	
Implementation		
15 th January 2024	Snow and ice	
16 th January 2024	Snow and ice	
17 th January 2024	Snow and ice	
18th January 2024	Snow and ice	
21st January 2024	Excess wind and accompanying heavy rain	
23 rd January 2024	Excess wind	
8 th February 2024	Snow and ice	
18 November 2024	Snow and ice	
19 th November 2024	Snow and ice	
20th November 2024	Snow and ice	
21 st November 2024	Snow and ice	
22 nd November 2024	Excess wind, accompanying low temperatures and heavy rain	
23 rd November 2024	Excess wind and accompanying heavy rain	
27 th November 2024	Low temperatures	
6 th December 2024	Excess wind and accompanying heavy rain	
7 th December 2024	Excess wind and accompanying heavy rain	
18 th December 2024	Excess wind and accompanying low temperatures	
21st December 2024	Excess wind	
22 December 2024	Excess wind and accompanying low temperatures	
1 st January 2025 Snow and low temperatures		
2 nd January 2025	Ice and low temperatures	
3 rd January 2025	Low temperatures and accompanying heavy rain	
4 th January 2025	Low temperatures and accompanying heavy rain	
5 th January 2025	Low temperatures and accompanying heavy rain	
6 th January 2025	Snow, low temperatures and accompanying heavy rain	
7 th January 2025	Snow and ice	
8 th January 2025		
9th January 2025	Ice and accompanying low temperatures	

2. Information on the number of times since 01 January 2024, including the relevant dates, that the Communications Team has publicised the decision to implement the SWEP (eg via 'general social media notification', per section 5.7 of the protocol)

X/Twitter - 2024

Please note that no data is available prior to 27 January 2024 as we're unable to access any posts prior to this date.

Social Media Channel	Date	Comment
X/Twitter	18 November 2024	Pinned and remains at the top of our
		feeds
	06 December 2024	
	21 December 2024	
	22 December 2024	
	01 January 2025	
	02 January 2025	
	03 January 2025	
	04 January 2025	
	06 January 2025	Repost
Facebook	15 January 2024	
	16 January 2024	
	17 January 2024	
	18 January 2024	
	18 November 2024	
	20 November 2024	Pinned and remains at the top of our
		feeds
	06 December 2024	
	18 December 2024	
	21 December 2024	
	22 December 2024	
	01 January 2025	
	02 January 2025	
	03 January 2025	
	04 January 2025	

This concludes our response.