

20 January 2025

**Our Ref: FOI 644**

## **Request**

We received your request on 16 January 2025 for the following information:

*I recently wrote to the Minister in relation to reducing the number of NIHE properties being used as benefit drops or being sub-let by tenants.*

*I am seeking the following information from The Tenancy Fraud Unit under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- 1. How many investigations into tenancy fraud have been carried out in the East Londonderry area, broken down by town*
- 2. Of these investigations, how many have resulted in legal action against the tenant.*

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

## **Our response**

We can only break down this request in terms of the Local Office that is responsible for East Londonderry Constituency areas. This includes Coleraine, Strabane and Limavady areas.

From the 16/01/2023 – 16/01/2025 The following number of suspected/alleged Tenancy Fraud cases were referred to the tenancy fraud unit for investigation: -

Coleraine: 11  
Strabane: 4  
Limavady: 11

The Housing Executive do not investigate Housing Benefit Fraud. The Department For Communities Benefit Investigation Teams investigate suspected/alleged Housing Benefit Fraud.

No cases have required legal action in these areas for illegal subletting during this time.

This concludes our response.