



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Cheantar an tSratha Báin**

Derry Cittie & Stràbane
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Ref: FOI / 517

06 April 2016

Ms

Email: @fraserandfraser.co.uk

Dear Ms

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Finders International / Next of kin searches

I refer to your FOI request as above and respond as follows:

1. Has there been an agreement or contract with a company/person to undertake searches for next of kin? - **No**
2. Please provide the name of the company/person this agreement or contract has been awarded to. **N/A**
3. On what basis/criteria has the council selected the above mentioned company/person? **N/A**
4. Has the council asked for Finders International Genealogists or Estate Research to undertake searches for next of kin or to locate home owners of empty properties? **No**
5. Does the council have an agreement or contract with Finders Genealogists or Estate Research? **No**
6. How many cases have been referred to Finders International Genealogists or Estate Research? **N/A**
7. Please provide names of the cases referred to Finders International Genealogists or Estate Research? **N/A**
8. Please provide a copy of a contract or agreement which enables the council to work with Finders International Genealogists or Estate Research (including details supplied by the company) **N/A**

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9. Please send a copy of the contract or agreement which was used to secure a contract with the company to locate next of kin for either public health funerals or empty/derelict homes (including details supplied by the company). [N/A](#)

10. If the council does not use Finders International Genealogists or Estate Research, to locate next of kin or home owners of vacant, derelict or unused property, please provide details of the name of company used, the criteria used for this company's selection and a copy of the agreement or contract (including details supplied by the company). [N/A](#)

11. Has the council put out a contract, over the last 5 years, to search for a supplier to undertake next of kin searches or to locate owners of empty homes? Please provide a copy of the contract and who it was awarded to (including details supplied by the company). [No](#)

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

Yours sincerely

Head of Environment



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