



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
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Ref: FOI / 1747

19 April 2018

Ms

Email: @C2KNI.net

Dear Ms

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Under Age Drinking

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

- 1. What are the consequences if somebody is caught under-age drinking?** PSNI will usually seize and dispose of alcohol from under-age drinkers (under 18). Police are also likely to refer the individual to the PSNI Youth Diversion Officer. The Community Safety Wardens will also advise young people that are drinking that they are breaking the law and may be reported to PSNI.
- 2. Do you find many people under-age drinking?** Under-age drinking is an issue in many areas not just our own Council district. What is a major concern to the PCSP and our partners is not just the associated health risks but also the vulnerability in terms of personal safety for young people who are intoxicated. Underage drinking often leads to young people becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and low level criminal activity as well as taking risks that they would not normally take.
- 3. What do you think is the main cause for under age drinking in Derry/Londonderry?** Peer pressure, lack of non-alcohol facilities for older teenagers, culture of alcohol.

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4. Are you doing anything to try and put an end to under-age drinking in Derry/Londonderry?

The PCSP supports a number of initiatives to raise awareness of the negative impact and consequences of under-age drinking. We work with our partners in police, health and education to provide information to young people to enable them to make informed decisions in relation to alcohol consumption. The Community Safety Wardens also regularly deliver presentations to young people (schools, clubs, groups) on keeping safe, including the negative impact of under-age drinking.

If you require any further information please contact me directly. I am happy to meet with you to discuss if required.

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
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Policing and Community Safety Partnership Manager



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