

Freedom of Information – Response – 26583

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to newspaper delivery roles (home news delivery / HND) in the Council area.

1. Since 1 January 2022, the number of work permits (or youth employment permissions) issued by the council for young people (under 18) employed to deliver newspapers for any of the following organisations (please break down numbers by year where possible):

o Martins newsagents

o McColl's Retail Group (including Martins if recorded under this name)

o Morrisons / Morrisons Daily stores

o News Team Ltd (or NewsTeam Group)

There have been 160 work permits issued since 1st January 2022

Organisation Name	2022	2023	2024	2025
Martins Newsagents	0	0	0	0
McColl's Retail Group / Martins	58	19	<5*	0
Morrisons / Morrisons Daily Stores /	0	5	40	9
News Team Ltd	0	0	0	0
Martins T/A Morrisons Local	0	0	<5	0
Alliance Property Holdings T/A Martins	<5	<5	<5	0
Alliance Property holdings T/A McColls	8	11	<5	0
McColls – Morrisons Daily	0	0	<5	<5

* please note data has been suppressed to avoid identification of individuals.

2. The number of such permits that have been withdrawn, cancelled or allowed to lapse during 2025 (please provide counts and, where possible, month of cancellation).

None

3. Any correspondence or notifications (emails, letters or formal notices) the council has received from Martins, McColl's, Morrisons (or Morrisons Daily) or News Team Ltd since 1 January 2024 concerning:

*o the ending, transfer or outsourcing of home newspaper delivery roles in Hertfordshire; or
o redundancies, transfer of rounds, or changes to arrangements for under-18 deliverers.*

None

4. Any records the council holds showing the locations of Morrisons Daily / former Martins / McColl's outlets that provided home news delivery rounds as of 1 September 2025 in your area remit (or the most recent date available). If the council does not hold a list, please confirm that it does not.

None since 2025