



Reference: FOI-357

Request:

Please can you tell me the number of households within your council who, at or around 1st January 2023:-

1. Are receiving Council Tax SMI Discount.
2. Are receiving Council Tax SMI Exemption

On receipt of the appropriate application and having met the criteria of both receipt of a Qualifying Benefit and Certification by a Medical Practitioner stating when the person first had SMI,

Do you:-

- A. Backdate to the date of receipt of both qualifying criteria? or
- B. Backdate to the date Certified by the Medical Practitioner?

Response:

On 20th December 2022

1. 335 accounts are receiving Council Tax SMI Discount
2. 622 accounts are receiving Council Tax SMI Exemption

The qualifying criteria for a disregard or exemption from Council Tax due to Severe Mental Impairment the person must be:

1. Occupying the property.
2. Proof of entitlement to a qualifying benefit.
3. From the persons doctor, confirmation that in their opinion, the person is severely mentally impaired and has been so from a specific date.

The Severe Mental Impairment disregard or exemption would be applied from the oldest date when all three qualifying criteria are met.