



Response to Request for Information

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Council Tax

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your council tax department:

- In each of the past three years from January to December (or April to March, depending on how you record the information) how many households paid council tax to your local authority?
[For the period 01.04.2014 – 31.03.2015 there were 106,979 banded properties that received a Council Tax demand during the annual billing process.](#)
[For the period 01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016 there were 107,528 banded properties that received a Council Tax demand during the annual billing process.](#)
[For the period 01.04.2016 – 31.03.2017 there were 108,121 banded properties that received a Council Tax demand during the annual billing process.](#)
- In each of the past three years from January to December (or April to March, depending on how you record the information), how many households claimed a 25% council tax reduction due to one occupant being medically certified as 'severely mentally impaired'?
[For bills issued during the period 01.04.2014 – 31.03.2015, 639 accounts received a 25% reduction.](#)
[For bills issued during the period 01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016, 734 accounts received a 25% reduction.](#)
[For bills issued during the period 01.04.2016 – 31.03.2017, 548 accounts have received a 25% reduction so far.](#)
- In each of the past three years from January to December (or April to March, depending on how you record the information), how many households didn't pay any council tax at all due to the sole occupant being medically certified as 'severely mentally impaired'?
[For bills issued during the period 01.04.2014 – 31.03.2015, 709 accounts received an exemption.](#)
[For bills issued during the period 01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016, 808 accounts received an exemption.](#)

For bills issued during the period 01.04.2016 – 31.03.2017, 754 accounts have received an exemption so far.

- How many pages long is the form for applying for a 25% council tax reduction due to a 'severe mental impairment'?
[Two pages or details taken online](#)
- How many pages long is the form for applying for a council tax exemption due to a 'severe mental impairment'?
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- What supporting evidence/information, other than a diagnosis from a registered medical practitioner and proof of eligibility for one of a list of certain benefits – do applicants have to provide in order to claim the 25% council tax reduction for a 'severe mental impairment'?
[None](#)