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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06650**

Thank you for your request for information relating to receipt of Council Tax Discount SMI (SMI) Disregard.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

Please can you tell me the number of households within your council who as at or around 1st January 2020:-

1. Are receiving Council Tax Discount SMI Disregard.

There are currently 1375 households receiving such a discount/exemption.

And of them:-

2. How many have been backdated to the date the GP certified they were suffering from Severe Mental Impairment.

We hold the information which you have asked for, but it is not held in a reportable format. We have therefore estimated that the cost of meeting this part of your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held.

In order to provide the information in this part of your request, an officer would need to manually check through each of the 1375 electronic records to determine if the

information is held, locating, retrieving and compiling it. This part of your request has therefore been refused under Section 12(2) of the Act.

Alternatively, it may be possible that you could narrow down the scope of your request, for example, by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or periods of time relevant to the information required.

Alternatively, you may want to look at the information we already publish to see if what you are looking for is already available via the Council's FOI/EIR Disclosure Log; Publication Scheme; Facts about Coventry or Open Data.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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