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Request/Response

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.

As at 08.01.2020 we have 287 discount cases and 161 exempt cases = 448 total (exempt cases are where all members of the household are disregarded, in these cases no Council Tax is payable)

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

Of these cases 336 were backdated more than 60 days prior to the date the discount or exemption was granted.

(We are unable to tell if this is the same date as the GP certified as this information isn't recorded, however we can tell you that cases are only backdated for periods where one of the qualifying benefits is being received, and we have received evidence of this.).