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I am writing to you to make a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like North Tyneside Council to please provide me with information regarding exemptions from Council Tax due to severe mental impairment. In particular, I would like to know how many exemptions have been made by North Tyneside Council in the last 10 years due to the following mental health disorders:

PTSD Depression Anxiety Social Anxiety Disorder

Also, can you please confirm whether or not leaflets or letters were sent to residents in North Tyneside in 2008/09 informing residents of the various Council Tax discounts and exemptions that were available, such as the exemption from Council Tax due to severe mental impairment?

Response:

This information is not held. Any application made due to a Severe Mental Impairment is granted based on Personal Details (Name and Address), Qualifying State Paid Benefits and an Authorised Doctors signature. In addition Discounts and Exemptions are explained in the Council Tax Booklets which were issued with Annual Bills in 2008/09.

A copy of the 2008/09 Booklet is not held. However, a 2018/19 version is available online at the following address:

https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Council%20Tax%20Booklet%202018-19..pdf

Further information regarding discounts and exemptions can be found online by visiting https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/104/exemptions-discounts-and-reductions or by visiting our Customer First Centres.

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