

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

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

- 1) 537
- 2) 1041

Data taken from 21.12.22

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?

We backdate to the earliest date where the qualifying criteria is met, that being the customer is entitled to one of the qualifying benefits (in accordance with *Brown v Hambleton District Council (2021)* **and** the customer has been certified SMI by a registered medical professional.