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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your 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?*
- *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'?*
- *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'?*
- *How many pages long is the form for applying for a 25% council tax reduction due to a 'severe mental impairment'?*
- *How many pages long is the form for applying for a council tax exemption due to a 'severe mental impairment'?*
- *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'?*

Please provide the information in the form of an email to [email redacted]

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the

The response to your request as follows:

- **No of households as at 01/04: 2014 = 32,013 2015 = 32,088 2016 = 32,162**

- as at: 01/04/14 = 84 01/04/15 = 85 01/04/16 = 84
- as at: 01/04/14 = 54 01/04/15 = 57 01/04/16 = 60
- 3 pages
- 3 pages
- Full requirements are that a Doctor needs to sign the form and have the surgery stamp on form and we need proof of either attendance allowance or DLA or PIP.

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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