

TV Licensing for Over 75's in Sheltered Housing

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide an update to members regarding the TV Licence fee which became law in August 2020 to everyone over 75 unless in receipt of Pension Credit as there has been an error message relayed to residents in Sheltered Housing.

A Newsletter has gone out to tenants in the North of the District, which I believed to be correct at the time; stating everyone over 75 is exempt from the TV Licence fee. I have since discovered the information received to be incorrect.

Both myself and a business support officer have been attempting to gain clarity on exemption rights for tenants over 75 in our Sheltered Housing schemes as we have made many enquiries only to receive conflicting advice from TV Licensing.

I have written to all affected residents with an apology, offering support to apply and gain a TV Licence as required by law. Support will also be offered with regard to Pension Credit, with assessments available.

All residents in the South of the district will shortly receive their Newsletter with the correct information about requirements of TV Licence holders.

North; Stonehouse, Cashes Green, Kings Stanley, Eastington, Paganhill, Stroud, Hardwicke, (included Minchinhampton and Nailsworth) Painswick, Ebley

South: Cam, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge, Berkeley, Sharpness