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**PERSONAL COMMUNITY CHARGE:  
EXEMPTION FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED**

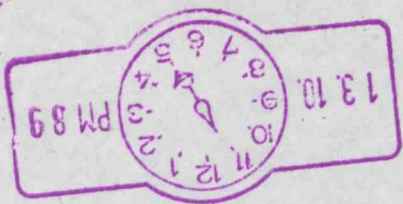
Thank you for the copy of your letter of 26 September to Chris Patten enclosing a proposals to change the extent of the exemption from the personal community charge for people who are severely mentally impaired.

I accept your assurance that use of Attendance Allowance and Constant Attendance Allowance for this purpose provides the only practical and effective means of extending the exemption without also opening it up much wider than would be appropriate, and I have no objection to your proposals.

Copies of this letter go to Chris Patten, members of E(LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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*Tony*

TONY NEWTON



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