



Pensions In Partnership



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Ill health decisions

The SPPA has produced guidance for employers / appointed persons on making ill health decisions.

We have updated our **IDRP medical retirement flowchart**.

We have also developed two **sample letters** to members who have challenged an ill health decision.

These are available from the [Employers > How to > Handle appeals / disputes](#) area of our website.

Retirals / leavers after 31 03 17

The columns for 15/16 and 16/17 on our forms can be re-titled as 16/17 and 17/18 for retirals / leavers after 31 03 17.

Forms

We have updated our [Opt out form](#) to make it clear that a refund cannot be paid if the member has pensioner benefits.

We have produced a [Guide to Assumed Pensionable Pay](#).

Data for pension updates

If you have not provided us with answers to any of our requests that will allow us to issue 2016 pension updates, please do so **ASAP**. This is essential so that we can issue all employee members with a 2016 pension update by 31 Dec 2016.

Pensions politics

The [Autumn Statement](#) had nothing major affecting the LGPS in it.

2 separate reviews of the LGPS in Scotland are underway: one looking at the management structure, one looking at governance. Both will report early in 2017.

For reference

The LGPC has issued **Bulletin 151**, at: <http://www.lgpsregs.org/index.php/re-sources/news-updates>

Our website has a News story about the [SPF Committee meeting](#) of 5 Dec.

Our office will be **closed** from Dec 24 to Jan 3 inclusive.

Merry Christmas!