

FPS Bulletin Action Log

Action No	Subject	Action	Deadline	Responsible	Progress
FPS69-1	Age Discrimination remedy - Data Sharing	To remove any GDPR issues, information relating to transfers should be shared with the current administrator instead of the current FRA. This is because the administrator has a legitimate reason for needing the data. Administrators and FRAs may also want to consider adding some additional working to their privacy notices to cover this	n/a	MR	Suggested wording shared with Darren Richards for advice 02/08/23, DR confirmed our current statement would cover
FPS70-1	Remedy readiness self-assessment tool	To help scheme managers and pension boards reflect on their own readiness for remedy LGA have made available a remedy self-assessment tool. Scheme managers to complete the self-assessment tool and report back to their senior teams and local pensions boards on the results	n/a	MR/ED	Complete
FPS71-1	Home Office collection of FPS forecasts for 2023-24 to 2028-29	Notification of an error with applicable CPI rates and clarification of correct rates to use	25/08/2023	LY	Request received and various parties have been asked to provide data to aid completion Data submitted by the deadline and HO informed regarding unaudited accounts. COMPLETE
FPS71-2	Age discrimination remedy – retrospective remedy	FRAs to read the Government consultation response and continue working towards implementation	01/10/2023	MR	Complete
FPS71-3	Age discrimination remedy – Contributions Calculator inputs	FRAs to familiarise themselves with the draft inputs, so that they can ensure they are holding all the relevant data	n/a	MR/DC	Meeting arranged MR/DC 08/08/23
FPS71-4	Age discrimination remedy – Interest and Tax	The position on how interest in terms of tax should be implemented was provided and FRAs should take note of this position, to ensure that they act accordingly when carrying out remedy	n/a	MR/LY	Noted LY- I believe this would be the responsibility of XPS
FPS71-5	Age discrimination remedy – Pension scams	3rd party organisations are contacting members of public service pension schemes, selling their help in claiming the 2015 remedy benefits. LGA have drafted wording to communicate to members. FRAs encouraged to communicate this to their members	n/a	MR	Article published in firewire and via Retired FF Association
FPS71-6	Age discrimination remedy – warm up letters	Warm up letters have been created to assist FRAs and administrators to manage member expectations on the timetable of when each cohort will be written to as part of the remedy exercise. FRAs should use these to communicate with their members ahead of October 2023.	n/a	MR	Sent w/c 25/10/23

FPS71-7	Age discrimination remedy - Member tax calculator	It has been identified that Scheme Managers will need to register for the Secure Exchange Data Service (SDES), to allow HMRC to provide schemes with member information so that they can make any necessary refund/adjustments in benefits. Scheme Managers should register on the Secure Exchange Data Service ahead of the remedy exercise and delegate access accordingly	n/a	LY	SDES service seems to be offline currently. LY has emailed LGA for an update on the required registration awaiting response (2/8/23) LY - LGA confirmed HMRC will contact each scheme with a link to register for SDES. (3/8/23) HMRC have been notified that LY is SPoC Oct update - No further communication received
FPS72-1	The Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023	Regulations came into force on 09/08/23, advised to continue working with administrators to prepare for connection to Dashboards by 31/10/26	n/a	ED/MR	Ongoing work with XPS, monitored at regular performance meetings
FPS72-2	The Pension Regulator (TPR) Scheme Return	Scheme return notices will be sent out from October 2023, FRA's to ensure their scheme return contact details are up to date	n/a	MR	Complete
FPS73-1	Firefighters' Pension Schemes (England) (Amendment) Order 2023	On 08/09/23 the government published their response to the consultation and regulations come into force on 01/10/23, FRA's to familiarise themselves with it ahead of the Matthews second options exercise	01/10/2023	MR	Complete
FPS73-2	Matthews - supporting documentation	FRA's are encouraged to use the updated material provided by LGA for the upcoming second options exercise	n/a	MR	Work on second options exercise using provided material commenced 13/10/23
FPS73-3	Disclosure Requirements	FRA's to ensure they comply with disclosure requirements by ensuring they send appropriate letter to both remedy projects eligible members no later than 31/12/23	31/12/2023	MR	Sargeant complete 29/09/23 Matthews commenced 13/10/23
FPS73-4	Age Discrimination Remedy - GAD Tax and Contribution Calendar	GAD released the calculator on 12/09/23, FRA's to familiarise themselves with the calculator and carry out testing and feedback any issues to GAD and LGA	n/a	MR/DC	Complete
FPS73-5	Age Discrimination Remedy - Member Videos	Member remedy videos have been published, FRA's to publicise the QR code an signpost members to the FPS website	n/a	MR	Published in firewire 31.10.23. To comm via Retired FF Association.
FPS73-6	Concurrent Service - Interbrigade transfers	FRA's to make members aware of pension implications, should an overlap of service occur when leaving and joining another FRA	n/a	MR	Cases to be reviewed to identify any affected members and communicate with them
FPS73-7	HMRC Public Service Pensions Remedy - Member Calculator. Tax Adjustment Inputs	HMRC have produced a document that sets out the inputs a member will need to put into the member calculator when calculating tax adjustments for AA and LTA. FRAs to familiarise themselves with the inputs	n/a	MR	Complete