

Membership no. SD

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PENSION SCHEME

Dear Member,

WELCOME to the NHS Pension Scheme.

Your employer has informed us that you commenced pensionable employment in the NHS on or after 1 April 2008.

Your Scheme Membership number is above. This should be kept safe, as you will need to quote this if you contact us by letter, telephone or email

From the details we currently hold about your pensionable employment(s) in the NHS you have been allocated to the **2008 section** of the NHS Pension Scheme.

Your employer will have provided you with a "Guide to the Scheme", please read this booklet as it explains your possible entitlement to any benefits from the Scheme either at retirement or if you leave the Scheme before retirement.

We need IMPORTANT further information from you...

To ensure you have been assigned to the correct section of the Scheme we need to know whether you have previously been a member of any of the following **NHS** Pension Schemes:

- Scotland;
- Northern Ireland;
- Isle of Man.

Additionally we need to know whether you have any employment that was, or is part of, a TUPE transfer to an NHS employer.

TUPE means:

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE) protects employees' terms and conditions of employment when a business is transferred from one owner to another. Employees of the previous owner when the business changes hands automatically become employees of the new employer on the same terms and conditions. It's as if their employment contracts had originally been made with the new employer.

Why we need this information....

This information is important as it may affect which section of the NHS Pension Scheme you should be a member of, and it will affect the amount of pension and lump sum you may be entitled to when you retire.

What you should do next...

If you have previous membership of another NHS pension scheme or if you have TUPE protection please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us, as soon as possible.

If you do **not** have previous membership of another NHS pension scheme or do **not** have TUPE protection there is no need to complete the questionnaire as you have been assigned to the correct section of the Scheme.

What will NHS Pensions do with the information you provide?

If appropriate we will contact your previous pension provider to confirm the information you have supplied. Once the details of your pension history are confirmed we will assess **if** you are entitled to join the **1995 section** of the NHS Pension Scheme.

In all cases we will write to you to advise the action taken.

Further information about the NHS Pension Schemes can be found on our website:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions

Yours Faithfully

On behalf of the Joiner Project
NHS Pensions