

Reasons why you may not have a NHS Pension Choice Statement

This factsheet is for practitioner members or former practitioner members who are now working in another capacity within the NHS. If NHS Pension Choice Statements are being delivered in your area but you don't have one yet there is probably a good reason and no need for you to be concerned. This factsheet explains the main reasons why you may not have received a statement.

IMPORTANT

It is important to remember that if you don't have a statement at this point you are not disadvantaged in any way. The time period to make your choice (3 months) will only begin once you receive your statement. The date you make your choice does not affect the benefits you receive either. All members who choose to move to the 2008 Section will have their choice backdated to 1 April 2008.

Below is a list of reasons why you might not have a statement.

1) Do you work for another NHS employer?

If you are employed by more than one NHS employer your statement will be sent to the one where you have most recently signed an employment contract. You should check whether your statement has been sent to this employer.

2) Are you a member of the 1995 Section?

The NHS Pension Choice Exercise is for members of the 1995 Section of the Scheme. If you joined the Scheme for the first time on or after 1 April 2008 you are already in the 2008 Section and will not be eligible for Choice and will not receive a statement.

If you opted out of the 1995 Section of the Scheme and have not elected to rejoin the Scheme you are not a contributing member and are not eligible for Choice. This means you will not receive a NHS Pension Choice Statement.

3) Have you been offered the opportunity to opt out of Choice?

If you left the Scheme as part of a TUPE or TUPE like transfer you will have been given the option to make your choice early. If you chose to opt out of Choice at that time you will not receive a statement. You may be entitled to receive a statement at a later date should you return to the NHS Pension Scheme.

4) Were you already receiving a pension from the Scheme on 1 October 2009?

The NHS Pension Choice Exercise began on 1 October 2009. If you retired from the Scheme before 1 October 2009 you are not eligible for Choice and will not receive a statement.

5) Incomplete or inaccurate data

If none of the issues above apply to you and you don't have a statement it may be that we need longer to work out your pension projections. This could be due to inaccurate or incomplete data on your record. If this is the case your statement will be sent to you at a later date once your record has been updated.

6) Manual intervention

Some manual intervention may be required to produce your NHS Pension Choice Statement. If this is the case your statement will be issued as soon as possible. In most cases a statement will be issued eventually and you will not be disadvantaged in any way by making your choice at a later stage.

Please do not be unduly concerned if you do not have a statement at this stage. We are working to produce a statement for all eligible members.

If you have any general questions about the NHS Pensions Choice Exercise please visit the NHS Pensions website www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions or contact the member helpline on 0300 123 1601.

