

## Freedom of Information Request

**Request:**

Please advise who is responsible for the NHS Superannuation Service in Northern Ireland. Is it the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland or is it the local Minister for Health?

**Status:** Complete**Response Date:** 8 February 2011

NHS Pensions do not administer the pension services in Northern Ireland, and I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Authority.

The Public Health Agency administers the pension service in Northern Ireland via the HSC Pension Scheme. Membership of the Scheme is open to:

- HSC employees
- HSC medical, dental, ophthalmic practitioners and assistants
- GP practice staff and some employees of certain approved organisations
- Some locums and Out of Hours providers' staff

Mr Martin Bradley, Head of HSC Pension Service, has stated that it is the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Michael McGimpsey, who holds responsibility for HSC Pensions in Northern Ireland. More information can be found at: - [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/hsc-pensions](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/hsc-pensions).