

## Freedom of Information Request

**Request:**

“Approximate percentage active membership of NHS pension scheme. For any recent complete year. What percentage of eligible staff are in and not in?”

**Status:** Complete**Response Date:** 8 July 2010

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records I have established that the Authority holds information regarding the number of active members of the NHS Pension Scheme. The latest known figure is recorded under the Members Charter section that appears on NHS Pensions' own website [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk.uk/pensions). The latest figure showing is 1.35 million active members.

Where you seek to relate this to the total number of staff working in the NHS who may be in or out of the NHS Pension Scheme at any one time I have to advise you that NHS Pensions does not hold this information. However, after a search of the Internet I have identified a website operated by The NHS Information Centre (<http://www.ic.nhs.uk>). Although NHS Pensions is unable to personally vouch for the information held there, the site records that, as at 30 September 2009 NHS staff numbers had reached 1.43 million. This would suggest that currently around 94% of staff working in the NHS are active members of the NHS Pension Scheme.