

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

Can you please confirm the number of people who have subscribed to additional pension scheme provision offered by the NHS?

Status: Complete**Response Date:**

I can confirm that the Authority holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, I estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for non-central Government departments it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and I will not be processing your request further.

Here may I explain that my enquiries show that NHS Pensions does not routinely maintain reports covering additional pension and it would be necessary for NHS Pensions to design and run a new extract table in order access the information you have requested. It is also not clear to me from your question if you intended NHS Pensions to include scheme members who have previously taken out added years purchases or have engaged in making money purchase additional voluntary contributions. These latter two pension-boosting arrangements are separate to the additional pension facility. That said, whatever the extent of the information you require the development work necessary to achieve even information for additional pension alone would exceed the cost limit described above.