NHS Pension Scheme - Children’s pension decision tree

Has the member died in membership?  

- Yes  
  - Did the member make any contributions to the Scheme on or after 1 April 2008?  
    - Yes  
      - Did the member have any children who were dependant upon them at their date of death or last day of pensionable employment?  
        - Yes  
          - Are the children under age 23 or unable to earn a living due to ill health or handicap?  
            - Yes  
              - Issue children’s pension application form AW158 to the person who is caring for the children or to the child if they look after themselves.  
            - No  
              - Not eligible for children’s pension.  
        - No  
          - Not eligible for children’s pension.  
    - No  
      - The family should contact NHS Pensions for claim form AW158.  
  - No  
    - Children’s pension may be payable under the NHS Pension Scheme (1995 Section).  

If the member has died in membership and made contributions to the Scheme on or after 1 April 2008, the next step is to determine if the member had any children who were dependant upon them at their date of death. If yes, the process continues to determine if the children are under age 23 or unable to earn a living due to ill health or handicap. If both conditions are met, the applicant should follow the designated process to claim children’s pension. If either condition is not met, the children are not eligible for a pension.