

## NHS PENSION SCHEMES 2016/10

**WHO SHOULD READ:** NHS HR and Payroll Managers  
GP Practice Managers, Direction Bodies, Practitioner  
Service Division (PSD), Dental Payments, Trade Unions

**ACTION:** Read and circulate to all interested parties

**SUBJECT:** Annual Benefit Statements 2016 now being published

**The purpose of this circular is to update employers on plans for publishing 2016 Annual Benefit Statements for active scheme members via MyPension - Online Member Services**

Circular 2016/08 advised on the process we were following to provide Annual Benefit Statements as at 31 March 2016 to active members of Scotland's NHS Pension Scheme. We can now confirm that the vast majority of NHS 2016 Annual Benefit statements (ABS) for active members have been published on-line.

### Statements online

The SPPA has loaded over 130,000 statements into the NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) web-based scheme member portal '[MyPension - online member services](#)'. However, some have not yet been issued due to a combination of technical issues and complexity. These include statements for members with Practitioner service. Every effort is being made to resolve these outstanding problems and provide those affected with their 2016 Annual Benefit Statements as soon as possible.

In any case, if active scheme members have not received their Annual Benefit Statement by 31 October 2016 please ask them to contact us.

### Accessing statements through the member portal

If NHS scheme members have already registered to use the member portal, they simply need to login to view their 2016 Annual Benefit Statement. Otherwise, they should follow the quick registration process to get access to 'MyPension-online member services'. They can do this by visiting the SPPA website [www.sppa.gov.uk](http://www.sppa.gov.uk) and click on the [MyPension logo](#) where they will find instructions on how to register for the first time.

In addition to viewing their benefit statement, the member portal lets scheme members contact us online with any pension enquiries and undertake some administrative processes, including notifying the SPPA of a change of address or submitting a death grant nomination.

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## Statement details

Members with FULL PROTECTION from the terms of the 2015 CARE scheme only receive benefits from their existing Final Salary scheme(s) and these pension benefits only will be shown on their statement.

Similarly, active members with TAPERED or No Protection (UNPROTECTED) will have moved/move to the new 2015 CARE scheme at a specified date on or after 1 April 2015. Where individuals have moved to the 2015 CARE scheme, pension benefits for both the Final Salary and CARE arrangements will be shown on the 2016 Annual Benefit Statement.

The Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) has also set up a dedicated telephone team to help with member enquiries at the number below.

In line with our request in circular 2016/08, we would be grateful if you would please bring the contents of this circular to the attention of scheme members.

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