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April 2025 Newsletter - 2015 Remedy Delivery Update

We want to keep all our members informed about the latest pension developments that are taking place even if they do not directly affect you. This newsletter is a 2015 Remedy edition and is aimed at members who are eligible for the 2015 Remedy.

The Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) has set out a revised delivery timetable for the 2015 Remedy on its website. The new information provides clarity about when you will receive your Remedy choice beyond the 31 March deadline. You can find out more about what this means for you in this update.

We have made positive progress in the significant challenge of delivering across all the devolved schemes administered by the SPPA. However, as with most other public service pension scheme managers across the UK, the delivery timescales have been amended beyond the end of March legislative deadline to ensure that members know when they will receive their choice information.

The scale of the Remedy delivery programme has been a significant factor in revising the timescales, with the annual SPPA workload increasing five-fold. We are introducing new automated processes to administer the remedy that once operational will greatly increase the pace of delivery. However, not every RSS can be delivered through this process, and more complex cases will necessarily take longer to complete. We have taken this into account in our revised delivery timeline.

We are committed to delivering Remedy as quickly and as effectively as possible while ensuring that our key core business of paying pensions to retired public sector workers remains on track.

We are working very hard to deliver RSS as soon as possible. The new delivery timescales are available on the SPPA website so that you can find information relating to your circumstances.

NHS Remedy: I'm retired | SPPA

You can also sign up to receive <u>monthly updates</u> which will be issued by email to keep you up to date with progress on delivering RSS.

Remedy Cost Reimbursement

If you have incurred accounting costs due to Remedy then a reimbursement scheme is shortly going to be launched. You can find out more information about what type of costs are covered and sign-up to receive alerts when this process is open for applications: NHS Remedy Cost Reimbursement Scheme | SPPA

Useful Information

2025 Annual Pension Increase (API)

The increase to your pension will be 1.7%, which will be applied to your pension from 7 April 2025.

Not everyone is eligible for the full increase from this date. Depending on your pension payment date, you may only receive a part increase in your April payment. The full increase in your monthly pension will be applied from your May pension payment date.

If you have not been in receipt of your pension for a full year, only a proportion of the annual increase is payable.

A pensions increase will only be paid to members who have reached age 55, or if under 55, retired on the grounds of ill health, are a widow/widower or in receipt of a dependant's allowance.

If you have a Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) [also known as Contracted Out Pension Equivalent (COPE)] component within your pension you may not receive the full increase.