



Employer Newsletter—December 2023



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LGPC bulletin 244

The LGPC have published [Bulletin 244](#) (November 2023) on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org.

Items of particular interest to employer may be:

- New Minister for LGPS—Simon Hoare, MP for North Dorset
- HMT confirms LTA abolition next April
- McCloud factsheet for members
- Teachers' excess service – TPS communications in England and Wales

McCloud communication for LGPS members

The Dorset County Pension Fund (DCPF) will be sending out a letter to all active members of the LGPS to explain the changes to the pension scheme resulting from the McCloud Remedy. This letter will also be sent out to all pensioner and deferred LGPS members with service between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2022 and will be posted on 19th December.

The communication explains the changes to the LGPS with effect from 1 October 2023 and reassures members that they do not need to take any action. I have attached a copy of the letter sent to the accompanying email.

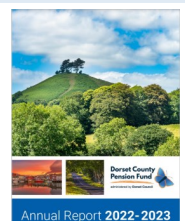
As part of the Annual Benefit Illustration 2024 we will provide more information to members and whether they are considered in scope for the McCloud underpin. A request to send in information on any relevant other public sector pension scheme membership if they are not currently protected by the McCloud Remedy, which may provide them with a McCloud underpin.

If you have any employees asking about this letter or if they need to take any action, please reassure them that they do not need to do anything at this time.

Annual Report

The Dorset County Pension Fund Annual Report for 2022—2023 has been published and can be found on our website here

[DCPF Annual Report 2023](#)



Online Pre-retirement Courses for LGPS Members

If you do not have an inhouse retirement planning course, you may wish to advertise the following online pre-retirement courses for LGPS members.

Full information on the course, how to book a session and available dates are available on the DCPF website at www.dorsetpensionfund.org/news/on-line-pre-retirement-courses , there is at least one course each month of the year for members to register to attend.

Dorset County Pension Fund have engaged Affinity Connect - a specialist provider of financial education in the public sector – to provide free dedicated two and a half hour Pre-Retirement On-line Courses around the key aspects of planning for a financially secure future.

These sessions are for members who are:

- Thinking about retiring or taking pension benefits within the next few years
- Wanting to understand some of the key financial considerations about retirement

During the course members will learn how to:

- Help plan for the lifestyle changes ahead
- Maximise the benefits of both State and workplace pensions
- Make the most of any tax-free cash
- Understand the income options available from their pension
- Achieve their retirement goals

Important dates for your diaries 2024

Training events and meetings

Employer Portal Training

Friday 19 January 10:00—11:30

Tuesday 9 July 10:00—13:00

General employer responsibilities training

Thursday 8 February 09:30—13:00

Wednesday 8 May 09:30—13:00

Pensionable Pay training

Tuesday 5 March 10:00—12:30

Friday 7 June 10:00—12:30

Thursday 12 September 10:00—12:30

If you would like to register to attend any of the above training events, please email

lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Pensions Liaison Officer Group (PLOG) Meeting for 2024

- Thursday 29 February 10:00 – 11:30
- Wednesday 12 June 10:00 – 11:30
- Tuesday 15 October 10:00 - 11:30

Links to the PLOG meetings have been sent to all recipients of the monthly newsletter. If you require the link to be sent to additional or new members of staff please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk .

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