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LGPC bulletin 266

The LGPC have published [Bulletin 266](#) on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org.

Items of particular interest to employers may be:

- Access and Fairness consultation – LGPC/LGA response
- Third State Pension age (SPa) review
- DWP Statistics published

Annual Benefit Illustrations 2025

The active member Annual Benefit Illustrations will be posted on Thursday 21 August 2025. The designs are attached to the newsletter email for your information.

Any queries regarding pay will be sent to you for a response as the pay used in the illustrations is what was provided on your End of Year return. Please be aware that if the member has moved house and these booklets are returned to the fund, these will be sent to you for distribution.



McCloud mailing to members

All active, deferred, and pensioner members of the LGPS with the Dorset County Pension Fund (DCPF) who have membership during the remedy period — but have been identified as **not** eligible for the McCloud underpin — have been sent a letter on 7 August. The letter asks them to confirm whether they have any other public service pension scheme membership that could make them eligible. It also outlines the steps required to provide evidence of that membership to the DCPF.

If any of your staff require further information, please signpost this webpage www.lgpsmember.org/mccloud-remedy/ and / or ask them to email pensionshelpline@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Setting Up an AVC with Prudential

When the first person in your organisation wishes to start contributing to an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) plan, you'll need to register your organisation with Prudential. This can be done by completing the form available here: [AVCF10077.pdf](#).

This form can also be used to notify Prudential of any changes to contact details, such as a name change for your organisation.

Estimates for your LGPS members

If you are considering making a member of staff redundant or agreeing to a flexible retirement, it is strongly advised to request an estimate of the pension strain costs in advance. These costs, which are payable by the employer, can be significant—so it's important to understand the financial implications before making a final decision.

To obtain an estimate, you'll need to complete the request process via the portal. The pension strain cost only will be provided directly to you. If you would like the staff member to receive a copy of the estimate, they must complete the [Estimate Consent for Members](#) form and you should send it via the portal. Without this consent form, the estimate will not be shared with the member.

Please note: there is no direct pension strain cost for ill health retirements, as this is already factored into the employer contribution rate. Financial considerations should not influence decisions regarding ill health retirement.

Important dates for your diaries 2025

Training events and meetings

Employer Portal training

Tuesday 9 September 13:00—14:30

LGPS employer responsibilities training

Thursday 13 November 10:00—13:30

LGPS Pensionable Pay training

Friday 5 December 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 2025

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 .

- Wednesday 15 October 10:30-12:00

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