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Clean data for the 2022 Valuation

The next actuarial valuation, which sets each employer's Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) contribution levels from April 2023, is fast approaching. The valuation will be based on membership information up to 31 March 2022. It's important that we receive accurate information about each of your employees in the LGPS to ensure that your employer contributions are set at the correct level.

For employers on i-Connect

As we receive your data on a monthly basis no further details will be required but we may be in contact if there are any queries about the data submitted or we need further information.

For employers who aren't yet using i-Connect

In preparation for the valuation, please check that you've submitted all information such as leavers and starters forms. We'll provide a Year-End Spreadsheet and Guidance Notes by the end of February 2022 for submitting LGPS data for 2021 / 2022.

The deadline for submitting a fully completed year-end spreadsheet will be 22 April 2022.

Monthly data submissions



You'll be aware from previous newsletters that we're working towards all our employers completing monthly submissions on i-Connect.

Some of the benefits for employers are the removal of the need to submit year-end returns and far fewer member notification forms to complete. It also benefits your employees as they can access more up-to-date information on [My Pension Online](#).

We now have 215 employers using i-Connect, which includes about 80% of our active members.

If you haven't commenced your implementation of i-Connect yet, please contact us as soon as possible at pensions.iconnect@derbyshire.gov.uk.

You can find more information about i-Connect on our [website](#).

Employer discretions template updated

We've recently updated and simplified the example flexible retirement policy within the employer discretions template.

The previous example policy referred to 3 different categories of employees which we have now amended to only refer to whether there is an unavoidable flexible retirement cost to the employer.

You can find a copy of the revised template on our [employer discretions webpage](#).

Outsourcing

If you're considering [outsourcing](#) a function or service to an external contractor, it's important that you inform us as early as possible to ensure that the staff who are transferred to a private contractor or a trust-based organisation retain their eligibility for the LGPS.

To notify us about any future transfers please complete the [initial admission body enquiry form](#) and advise the new contractor of our [website](#).

Email addresses

A quick reminder of our email addresses and what they should be used for:

dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting member notification forms such as the S1,L1, C1 and estimate requests. [All found here](#).

pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting contribution returns (CR1), data and payment queries.

pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries relating to LGPS regulations, employer training, events and communications.

pensions@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries and requests from members of the LGPS.

pensions.iconnect@derbyshire.gov.uk – For employer queries about i-Connect.

If you have any queries about the information provided in this Newsletter,
or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:

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