**Ill-Health Retirement Pension Re-assessment – Outcome letter**

Dear [NAME],

Thank you for providing us with your consent for your original ill-health determination to be re-assessed in line with the terms of the [Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/7/contents/enacted) (PSPJOA 2022).

I can confirm that your case has been considered by an Independent Qualified Medical Practitioner (IQMP) and we are now in receipt of their final determination.

As previously advised, the re-assessment was intended to review your eligibility for benefits under FPS 2006 (special). The pension you are receiving from FPS 2015 will not be adversely affected by any determination under the alternative scheme (FPS 2006 (special)).

I can confirm that, after re-assessing your case, the IQMP has determined that, under the regulations of FPS 2006 (special) you meet the eligibility requirements of a lower tier ill health pension. We have internally reviewed this decision and can confirm that we accept this determination.

**What does this mean for me?**

This means that when we can review your case under the 2015 remedy (between 1 October 2023 31 March 2024) we will offer you a choice between retaining your existing ill-health arrangements under FPS 2015 and electing for alternative lower tier ill-health benefits under FPS 2006 (special).

Unfortunately, we cannot provide you with these options until after 1 October 2023. At which point, we will formally write to you and clearly set out your entitlement under both FPS 2006 (special) and FPS 2015. You should then be able to make an informed choice as to which set of benefits is most beneficial for you and your dependants.

Please note, should you elect for alternative benefits under FPS 2006 (special) any entitlement will be backdated to your original ill health retirement date.

**I am not happy with this determination, can I appeal?**

Although we would like to think that we have been open with you from the outset about the possible outcome(s) we understand that you maybe dissatisfied. If this is the case, there are two routes of appeal:

* Appeals on an issue of a medical nature may be done so to a board of medical referees ([FPS 2006 (special) regulation Part 8 Rule 4 Annex 2](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/3432/schedule/1/part/17/made)). Appeals of this type must be submitted in writing to the FRA within 28 days of receipt of this letter.
* Appeals on non-medical related matters will be dealt with via our Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP). Details of which can be found [INSERT DETAILS OF IDRP].