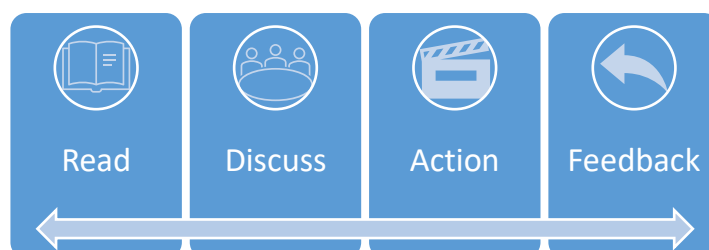


## FPS Bulletin March – 2026

Welcome to issue 103 of the Firefighters’ Pensions Schemes bulletin.

We would encourage you to read this bulletin, taking note of and carrying out any relevant actions. This may entail escalating items, alerting colleagues where necessary, and circulating and discussing this bulletin in other forums including but not limited to others within your FRAs i.e. HR or Finance colleagues, Local Pension Boards and third-party administrators/payroll providers.



If you are looking for information on a certain topic, issue and content indexes are held on the [main bulletin page](#) of the website and are updated following each new issue.

If you have any comments on this bulletin, suggested items for future issues, or a job you would like to advertise, please email [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk).

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## Calendar of events

Please see below a calendar of upcoming events relevant to the Firefighters' Pension Schemes. Only those events which are hyperlinked are currently available to book. If you have any events you would like to be included in a future bulletin, please email [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk).

Table 1: Calendar of events

Event	Date
<a href="#">FPS Coffee Morning</a>	14 April 2026 28 April 2026
<b>FPS Technical Working Group</b>	20 May 2026
<b>SAB</b>	17 June 2026
<b>FPS Communications Working Group</b>	7 April 2026
<a href="#">Local Pension Board training</a>	<a href="#">2026 dates and booking</a>
<b>LPB Chair Forum</b>	14 May 2026
<b>Administrator Forum</b>	22 April 2026
<b>LGA FRA drop-in session</b>	23 April 2026
<b>IDRP Training</b>	<a href="#">2026 dates and booking</a>
<b>Induction Training</b>	<a href="#">2026 dates and booking</a>
<b>Ill Health Retirement Training</b>	<a href="#">2026 dates and booking</a>
<b>Scheme Manager Training</b>	<a href="#">2026 dates and booking</a>
<b>Fire Pensions Conference</b>	<a href="#">6 and 7 October 2026</a>

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## Actions arising

### Scheme Managers

[Fire Sargeant/McCloud tax & contribution calculator - identified issue affecting a small number of Fire cases:](#)

- Should pause using v3.00 for any Fire cases where 2017/18 “Pensionable pay for selection of pension contribution band (CARE Scheme)” is below £27,544, until GAD issue a corrected version.
- Identify potentially affected cases where you have already run v3.00 and/or made payments:
  - Fire members with remedy calculations covering 2017/18, and
  - Data for “Pensionable pay for selection of pension contribution band (CARE Scheme)” is less than £27,544 in 2017/18, and
  - where you relied on the calculator to derive contributions (ie did not enter data for “Contributions due (Legacy scheme)” and “Contributions due (CARE scheme)”)
- Hold any further payments for any cases you identify as potentially affected, pending recalculation.
- If you believe you have already made payments that may be affected, please record the member IDs and amounts so these can be checked and, if needed, corrected once the revised calculator is issued.

[Fire & Police Sargeant/McCloud tax & contribution calculator - v3.00a user guide release:](#) should ensure that the correct user guide is being referred to.

[GAD calculator version 2.9:](#) should ensure that those who are involved with the Matthews exercise are aware of the new version of the calculator. The new version should be used to process cases with calculation dates from 1 April 2026.

[Exercise Progress:](#) FRAs with 50% or more of requests for statements outstanding should consider reaching out for support. The Matthews super users and LGA policy team may be able to help explore options and ideas around bottlenecks.

[Project Implementation Data Request:](#) FRA’s to complete the Project Implementation data request and return to the [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk) by **22 April 2026**

[Training and Development:](#) are encouraged to:

- allow their employees to attend the relevant training on offer, where it will help with their role and ongoing development.
- inform us of any specific areas of pensions training that they would like to

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see.

### **Administrators**

[FPS Annual update 2026](#): should ensure that they are using the current revaluation rates.

### **Local Pension Boards**

[Local Pension Board Training Sessions](#): are encouraged to book onto the relevant session for them.

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## **Age Discrimination Remedy updates**

### **Contingent Decisions – Written Ministerial Statement**

On 27 March 2026, we [emailed](#) scheme managers, internal pensions contacts and administrators to inform them that Government published a Ministerial Statement (WMS) concerning the legislative issues affecting certain firefighters' pension scheme members who opted out of pensionable service due to the 2015 reforms.

### **Unauthorised Payment Charge (UPC) for lump sum calculations – offsetting guidance**

On 3 March 2026, we [emailed](#) administrators and software suppliers to inform them that GAD had published slides for Example 3 and 4 to complement their methodology note previously published.

These documents have been published on the [Age Discrimination Remedy - Useful Information](#) section of the [FPS regulations and guidance](#) website.

### **Fire Sargeant/McCloud tax & contribution calculator - identified issue affecting a small number of Fire cases**

On 16 March 2026, we [emailed](#) scheme managers, internal pensions, HR contacts and administrators to inform them of an issue that has been identified affecting a small number of individuals.

#### **ACTION:** Scheme managers:

- Should pause using v3.00 for any Fire cases where 2017/18 “Pensionable pay for selection of pension contribution band (CARE Scheme)” is below £27,544, until GAD issue a corrected version.
- Identify potentially affected cases where you have already run v3.00 and/or made payments:
  - Fire members with remedy calculations covering 2017/18, and
  - Data for “Pensionable pay for selection of pension contribution band (CARE Scheme)” is less than £27,544 in 2017/18, and
  - where you relied on the calculator to derive contributions (ie did not

enter data for “Contributions due (Legacy scheme)” and “Contributions due (CARE scheme)”

- Hold any further payments for any cases you identify as potentially affected, pending recalculation.
- If you believe you have already made payments that may be affected, please record the member IDs and amounts so these can be checked and, if needed, corrected once the revised calculator is issued.

### **Fire & Police Sargeant/McCloud tax & contribution calculator - v3.00a user guide release**

On 3 March 2026, we [emailed](#) scheme managers, internal pensions, HR and finance contacts to inform them that GAD had released an updated version of the tax and contribution calculator user guide.

The guide is published on the [Age Discrimination Remedy - GAD Tax and Contribution Calculator](#) section of the [FPS regulations and guidance](#) website.

**ACTION:** Scheme managers should ensure that the correct user guide is being referred to.

### **Retrospective Divorce guidance examples**

Further to the guidance published in [FPS Bulletin 95 – July 2025](#) we [emailed](#) administrators on 26 March 2026 to inform them that GAD had published examples for tapered members.

These examples are published on the [Divorce \(pension debits and credits\)](#) section of the [FPS regulations and guidance](#) website.

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## **Matthews exercise updates**

### **GAD guidance**

On 27 March 2026, we [emailed](#) scheme managers, internal pensions contacts, administrator’s and software suppliers to inform them that following [FPS Bulletin 102 – February 2026](#) that GAD have published new factors for *Converting Standard Membership Transferred-in Service Credits, Added Years and Additional Pension Benefit to Special Membership Transferred-in Service Credits, Added Years and Additional Pension Benefits*.

These have been published in the [Special members of FPS 2006 - GAD factors](#) section of the [FPS regulations and guidance](#) website.

### **Amendments**

Further to [FPS Bulletin 100 – December 2025](#), where we informed readers of Government’s response to their consultation to [Retained Firefighters’ Pensions: Matthews Remedy - proposed changes to the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme 2006](#). We are pleased to confirm that the [Statutory Instrument](#) 2026/281 has been laid and

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comes into effect from 1 April 2026.

### GAD calculator version 2.9

GAD will be releasing a new version of the Matthews 2 calculator to reflect the 2025/26 pension increases at the beginning of April. This version will include the April interest file. GAD will not be separately releasing the April 2026 interest file.

The new version of the calculator supersedes previous versions. Previous versions of the calculator should no longer be used. Future interest files will only work with the latest version of the Matthews 2 calculator. FRA's should carefully review whether any previously issued statements or payments affected by the changes described below need to be revisited.

**ACTION:** Scheme managers should ensure that those who are involved with the Matthews exercise are aware of the new version of the calculator. The new version should be used to process cases with calculation dates from 1 April 2026.

### Calculator forthcoming releases

As part of MHCLG's support for FRAs in meeting their duties under the Matthews second options exercise, GAD are working to provide the following 2026 Matthews 2 calculator releases. This high-level timetable was also shared at the March SAB meeting:

Version	Timescale	Detail
Version 2.9	Early April	This will include the 2025/26 pension increases, see above.
Version 3.0	End June	This will include support for key "remedy amendment" areas (as announced in the <a href="#">MHCLG consultation response</a> and implemented via SI 2026/281). It will also include a user interface and documentation refresh.
Version 3.1	Summer	GAD currently estimate they will be able to deliver 2-3 months after V3.0. This version will deliver further improvements and fixes in time for use in the final months of the second options exercise in England.

Further Matthews 2 calculator release updates will be provided through the year.

### Exercise progress

Following the responses to the last Matthews survey covering to end December (39 of 44 FRAs responded). SAB received the following progress update from GAD at their March board meeting:

- **18,400** (94%) eligible firefighters were estimated to have been contacted and invited

- **7,800** interested firefighters were estimated as having received statements
- **3,300** interested firefighters were estimated as waiting for their statements

However, this progress was not evenly spread between regions:

- **14 FRAs** reported more than 90% of requested statements issued
- **4 FRAs** reported fewer than 10% of requested statements issued
- **~1%** of all requests for statements were reported as manual cases that needing referral to GAD
- **5,500** eligible firefighters were estimated as having elected to purchase benefits under the Matthews second options exercise

#### **ACTION**

FRAs with 50% or more of requests for statements outstanding should consider reaching out for support. The Matthews super users and LGA policy team may be able to help explore options and ideas around bottlenecks.

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## **FPS**

### **FPS Annual update 2026**

FPS contribution rates and bandings will change from 1 April 2026 in line with the changes introduced by [Statutory Instrument 2026/277](#).

All relevant thresholds and rate changes for 2026 are available in the [FPS annual update 2026](#).

The relevant legislation can be viewed on our website under [annual update Statutory Instruments](#).

**ACTION:** Administrators should ensure that they are using the current revaluation rates.

### **Top Up grant 2026 - Collection of pensions accounting data**

On [4 March 2026](#) and [24 March 2026](#), MHCLG emailed Claim Certifiers/Claim Administrators to provide advance notice that the DELTA online data collection system will go live on 2 April 2026 with a deadline of 15 May 2026.

### **Updated Medical Appeals Forms**

Minor amendments have been made to the medical appeals forms. Updated versions are now available in the [Ill-health and injury](#) section of the member area of the [FPS Regs](#) website.

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## **GAD launches new hub for PSPS administrators**

On 16 March 2026, the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) launched [a new factors guidance hub](#) for administrators of the following pension schemes:

- armed forces
- civil service
- firefighters
- judicial
- NHS
- LGPS
- police
- teachers
- United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

The new hub aims to make it easy for administrators to locate actuarial factors, within consolidated factors workbooks, and guidance in one area in a standardised and consistent way. For more information, see [the press release](#).

## **Fire Sector Pensions Jobs**

Did you know... that if you are advertising a pensions role in the fire sector, that you can send information to the bluelight inbox and we can advertise this in the next bulletin.

## **General technical query log**

The [current log of queries and responses](#) can be accessed by practitioners in the member-restricted area of the FPS Regulations and Guidance website. The queries have been anonymised and divided into topics. The log is updated monthly in line with the bulletin release dates.

No technical queries were received in March 2026.

## **Matthews and Age discrimination remedy Query logs**

We have three query logs:

- Age Discrimination remedy technical query log
- Matthews technical query log
- Matthews GAD calculator query log

The technical query logs can be accessed by practitioners in the restricted area of the FPS regulations and guidance website under the sections '[Age Discrimination](#)

[remedy technical queries](#) and '[Special members of the FPS 2006 technical queries](#)'.

The Matthews GAD calculator query log can be accessed through the tab 'Calculator query log' in the Special members of [FPS 2006 - GAD calculator](#) section of the FPS Regulations and Guidance website.

The logs are updated monthly in line with the bulletin release dates.

As a reminder if you have a query relating to either the [Age Discrimination remedy](#) or [Matthews](#) GAD calculators you can email GAD using their dedicated inboxes

[FirePoliceMcCloudTaxInterest@gad.gov.uk](mailto:FirePoliceMcCloudTaxInterest@gad.gov.uk)

[Firematthewscalculator@gad.gov.uk](mailto:Firematthewscalculator@gad.gov.uk)

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## Training and Development

### Training and Development

Details of our training sessions are included on the [Training and Development](#) section of the [FPS regulations and guidance](#) website. The section sets out the training topics, dates that are available and how to book.

If there are any specific areas of training that you would like to see, please let us know via [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk) or be part of our training working group.

#### **ACTION:**

Scheme managers are encouraged to:

- allow their employees to attend the relevant training on offer, where it will help with their role and ongoing development.
- inform us of any specific areas of pensions training that they would like to see.

### Local Pension Board (LPB) Training Sessions

Details of the LPB training sessions are included on the '[Training and Development](#)' section of the [FPS Board](#) website. The section sets out the dates that are available and how to book.

#### **ACTION:**

Readers are asked to make their LPB members aware of the training sessions and encourage them to book onto a session.

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## Events

### FPS coffee mornings

Our MS Teams coffee mornings are continuing in April. The informal sessions lasting up to an hour allow practitioners to catch up with colleagues and hear a brief update on FPS issues from the LGA Bluelight team.

If you do not already receive the meeting invitations and would like to join us, please email [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk). Please note that attendance at the coffee mornings is generally restricted to FPS practitioners and managers

### Fire Pensions Annual Conference – Save the date

We plan to hold our Annual Fire Pensions Conference on 6 and 7 October 2026 at the LGA offices in London. Further details, including booking information, will be shared in due course.

This year's conference will focus on the future of firefighter pensions. To help shape the programme, we will be engaging with targeted groups to gather ideas on the topics and sessions they would like to see covered under this theme. We would also welcome feedback from the wider community.

If you would like to share any suggestions or comments, please do so using the following form: [Pre-Event Survey: Fire Pensions Conference 2026](#)

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## FPS England Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) updates

### 18 March 2026 SAB meeting

The Scheme Advisory Board last meet on 18 March 2026.

You can use the links below to find out about the latest updates on the work of the SAB and its committees on the SAB website:

- [SAB membership](#)
- [SAB meeting and agenda papers](#)
- [Committee meetings and agenda papers](#)

### Local Pension Board Effectiveness Committee

At their meeting on 4 March 2026, the committee reviewed their [terms of reference](#) and the approved version has been published on the [FPS Board](#) website.

The committee also reviewed and approved the "[Operation of Local Pension Board guidance](#)", which includes template role descriptions, an advert and a personal specification and updated the [template LPB terms of reference](#).

All documents are now available in the [Resources](#) section of the [FPS Board](#) website.

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The committee additionally discussed recent topics raised at the LPB Chairs Forum, including recruitment challenges and deemed elections.

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## Other News and Updates

### **New disruption unit launched to crackdown on fraud**

In April, the [Government will launch a new Online Crime Centre](#). This will bring together specialist from the government, police, intelligence agencies, banks, mobile networks and major tech firms to drive co-ordinated action against fraud.

This forms part of a new and expanded fraud strategy published on 9 March 2026, setting out how the government will disrupt fraudsters and protect the public. There will be £250 million invested over the next 3 years in the fight.

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## Pensions Dashboards

### **Dashboard Programme – Publications**

PDP publish regular [publications](#) about the Pensions Dashboards and the Programme which you can find on their [website](#).

### **PASA key questions from schemes**

In February 2026, the Pensions Administration Standards Association (PASA) hosted a webinar on data-matching guidance for pensions dashboards. Following the session, [PASA published a summary of the main questions](#) raised by schemes, along with practical answers to help administrators move confidently from the planning stage into the testing phase.

### **PDP extends closing date to consultation on reporting standards**

The Pensions Dashboards Programme (PDP) opened a consultation on changes to the reporting standards, draft version 2.1. The consultation was due to close on 25 March 2026.

On 13 March 2026, [PDP confirmed that the consultation will now run to 30 April 2026](#). On 23 March 2026, PDP published draft version 2.2 of the reporting standards. This latest version includes the technical requirements of routine reporting of data via Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to MaPS.

### **PDP pension status categories**

On 5 March 2026, the PDP published a blog [about understanding the three pension status categories](#) on the Money Helper Pensions Dashboard (MHPD).

To date, the terminology around matching has reflected the terms used in the Pension Dashboard Regulations 2022 – namely, positive match, match made, possible match and no match. The blog sets out what industry can expect to see displayed on the MHPD following user research:

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### **Confirmed pensions**

These are those where a successful match has been made and the administering authority is able to supply all the view data immediately.

### **Pending pensions**

A pension shows as pending when it is been matched to the user, but the administering authority has not yet supplied all the required information. The user does not need to do anything, once the data arrives the pension automatically becomes confirmed. Authorities will usually send the missing information within 10 working days.

### **Pensions that need action**

Pensions appear in “needs action” when either a possible match needs extra information, or the administering authority requires the user to contact them before sharing pension details.

This is the only category where the user may need to act. They can try adding their national insurance number, and if that does not help, they must contact the authority using the details shown. A scam warning reminds users that they should make the first contact.

FRAAs must resolve these cases promptly and may see increased enquiries.

## **The Pensions Regulator (TPR)**



### **How career outcomes shape retirement outcomes**

On 2 March 2026, The Pensions Regulator (TPR) published a new blog exploring how understanding savers’ working lives can help schemes design better default pension plans.

The blog follows the Pension Schemes Bill, which will introduce new ‘guided retirement’ requirements. These provisions mean defined contribution (DC) schemes, such as LGPS AVC providers, will need to offer clear, default retirement income options for members approaching retirement.

Read the full [blog on TPR website](#).

### **Fighting pension fraud webinar – updated PSAG leaflet**

On 18 March 2026, colleagues attended a webinar hosted by the Pension Scams

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Action Group (PSAG).

The webinar featured presentations from Lord Hanson, the Fraud Minister Mike Broomfield, Head of Intelligence at TPR, and Chris Bell from the City of London Police, plus a Q&A.

Topics covered included the [Government's new Fraud Strategy](#), awareness of an increase in artificial intelligence generated identity thefts and [reporting suspicions to Report Fraud](#).

It was also confirmed that the [PSAG leaflet – Steps to stay scam safe](#), was updated in March 2026. This leaflet accompanies a member's statement of entitlement, following a request to transfer their benefits out of the Scheme.

### **Scam alert and calls for industry vigilance**

On 11 March 2026, [TPR issued a press release](#) calling on the pensions industry to take immediate action to protect millions of people's retirement savings, after a rise in impersonation fraud.

A [scam alert](#) was issued to more than 35,000 pension industry professionals in collaboration with City of London Police. The alert warns that fraudsters are posing as pension savers to gain access to their retirement pots, and urges administrators to:

- review their identity and verification check procedures to ensure they remain robust
- review data security for letters and documents posted to overseas addresses
- encourage members to improve online security through two-step verification and stronger passwords
- immediately inform [Report Fraud](#) (formerly Action Fraud) of any suspected fraud.

### **The Pensions Ombudsman**

On 10 March 2026, colleagues at the LGA attended the Pensions Ombudsman (TPO) online technical forum.

The forum included a speech from the Pensions Ombudsman, Dominic Harris, and presentations from Senior Counsel covering:

- transfer due diligence – [Mr D v Open Trustees Ltd](#): TPO found in favour of the Trustees meaning that the Trustees were under no legislative or regulatory obligation to carry out any further transfer due diligence after issuing the member with the Scorpion Leaflet transfer pack in 2014
- overpayments: discussions centred around entitlement, affordability, clear communications and pragmatism. In December 2025, TPO published

overpayments information for members and other beneficiaries of pension schemes.

An update on the [Operating Model Review \(OMR\)](#) was also provided:

### **Action one**

TPO intends to implement a 'Lead Case' approach where the same issue occurs for multiple members in the same Scheme. This intends to achieve quicker, consistent outcomes, with the expectation that the respondent will apply the outcome to all affected members, albeit the case is only binding on the specific applicant.

### **Action two**

TPO is considering increasing the amounts payable under each of the existing tiers of a 'distress and inconvenience' award payable as redress for non-financial injustice. He will also reissue the [Redress for non-financial injustice factsheet](#) covering how each of the tiers apply and may include examples of poor IDRPs practice as an aggravating factor which could lead to a higher award.

### **Action three**

Introducing new case management rules for all parties when dealing with TPO. This may include new deadlines and limits on the length of submissions. The aim is to improve efficiency and speed of complaint handling for the benefit of all parties.

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## **HMRC**

### **Finance Act 2026**

The [Finance Act 2026](#) received Royal Assent on 18 March 2026. The Act makes two changes that will be of interest to the fire sector:

### **Abolition of the LTA**

The Act amends paragraph 134 of schedule 9 to the Finance Act 2024.

Paragraph 134 gives HM Treasury regulation-making powers to introduce additional provisions consequential to the abolition of the Lifetime Allowance (LTA). Under the original wording, this power was due to lapse at the end of 5 April 2026, and any regulations made under it could only take effect within the tax year in which they were made.

The Finance Act 2026 extends the expiry date of this power to 30 June 2026. It also allows regulations made under this provision to have retrospective effect back to the 2024/25 tax year. This extension appears intended to facilitate the technical updates referred to by HMRC in [newsletter 173](#).

HMRC has issued [a tax information and impact note](#) providing further detail on these changes.

## **Inheritance Tax (IHT)**

The Finance Act 2026 also amends the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 so that, for deaths occurring after 5 April 2027, most unused pension benefits will fall within the deceased person's estate.

Several technical amendments were introduced at report stage. These do not alter the underlying policy intent but ensure that the legislation operates effectively. HMRC will issue further process clarifications later this spring.

### **Summary of technical amendments**

- Non-UK pensions held by non-long-term UK residents are confirmed as outside UK IHT rules
- death in service benefits remain exempt from IHT. There is no requirement for the deceased to have been an active member immediately before death
- IHT liability does not apply to:
  - excluded benefits such as death in service
  - payments to IHT-exempt beneficiaries such as spouses/civil partners
- withholding rules, up to 50 per cent for 15 months, have been tidied to ensure smooth operation. The direct payment of tax by administrators is facilitated ensuring tax cannot be taken from IHT exempt benefits
- existing IHT exemptions are extended to cover notional pension property
- future information-sharing regulations, after the member's death, will be made under Finance Act 2004 powers
- no income tax will be charged on death benefits equal to the IHT due on that pension:
  - applies now in additional rare scenarios.
  - any refunded IHT is treated as pension income if tax relief was claimed earlier.

The amendments can be found here: [Finance \(No. 2\) Bill publications – UK Parliament](#).

### **Newsletter 178 – February 2026**

On 27 February 2026, HMRC [published](#) their monthly pensions newsletter. Articles of particular interest to the fire sector include:

**Inheritance tax on pensions** – further information will be shared in due course to support scheme managers and industry stakeholders in understanding the new requirements.

**Normal Minimum Pension Age** – reminder of the rules and guidance on members transferring with a protected pension age.

**Protection look up service** – HMRC has launched new functionality on the

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Managing pension schemes service so schemes can look up a member's protections and enhancements. The previous unauthenticated service is no longer available.

**Transfers to qualifying recognised overseas pension schemes** – a reminder to use the Managing pension schemes service to report such transfers. HMRC will no longer accept APSS262 forms received after 5 April 2026. Enhancements to the new functionality on the Managing pension schemes service have been released, allowing schemes to search and print previously submitted reports.

### **Newsletter 179 – March 2026**

On 26 March 2026, HMRC [published](#) their monthly pensions newsletter. The newsletter had articles on:

**UK-Luxembourg double taxation agreement** – under the new agreement, UK pension payments to some Luxembourg residents may become taxed in the UK instead of Luxembourg. There are transitional rules letting affected members elect to be taxed under the previous arrangement. The deadline to do so is 23 November 2026. Guidance for affected members explaining what the change means and what they need to do will be available on GOV.UK in the future.

**Managing pension schemes service:** the service will be down from 2 April 2026 7.00pm to 7 April 2026 9.00am.

**Lifetime allowance protection and enhancements** – a new protection look up service was launched in February 2026 as part of the Managing pension schemes service. The old unauthenticated online route has now been switched off.

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## **Useful links**

- [The Firefighters' Pensions \(England\) Scheme Advisory Board](#)
- [FPS Regulations and Guidance](#)
- [FPS Member](#)
- [FPS1992 guidance and commentary](#)
- [The Pensions Regulator Public Service Schemes](#)
- [The Pensions Ombudsman](#)
- [HMRC Pensions Tax Manual](#)
- [LGA pensions website](#)
- [LGPS Regulations and Guidance](#)
- [LGPC Bulletins](#)
- [LGPS member site](#)
- [Scottish Public Pensions Agency - Firefighters](#)
- [Welsh Government Fire circulars](#)
- Pensions Dashboards
  - [TPR guidance and checklist](#)
  - [DWP guidance on connection](#)
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## Legislation

### Statutory Instruments

[SI2026/281] [The Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(England\) \(Amendment\) Order 2026](#)  
(coming into force date by [\[SI2026/301\]](#))

[SI2026/277] [The Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#)

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## Contact details

### Update your contact details

Readers will be aware that we carried out an exercise to update your contact details in [FPS Bulletin 76 – December 2023](#).

Going forward if you need to update your contact details, please complete the [contact details form](#) and return to [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk).

### Raising a query

If you have a technical query, please complete the 'query form', that is available on the [member area](#) of the FPS regulations and guidance website and email [bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelightpensions@local.gov.uk) and one of the team's Firefighters' pension advisers will get back to you. To avoid delays in receiving a response, please avoid emailing advisers directly.

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