Understanding the NHS Pension Scheme

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What we'll cover today



Building for Retirement – Why now?

Membership types and pension sections

Increasing your NHS pension benefits

Annual and Lifetime Allowance including Scheme Pays

Alternative ways of saving for retirement

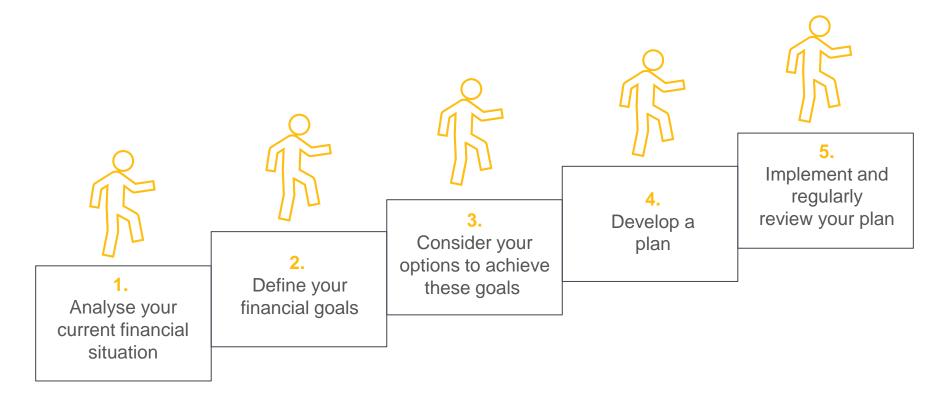
Key Scheme benefits including Partial Retirement Options

Key Questions

Your actions and next steps

Five steps to financial fitness





Building for retirement



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Ensure you will have enough to lead the lifestyle you want in retirement

Understand the April 2015 changes to the NHS Pension Scheme and how they impact your own pension



Make the most of your pension benefits

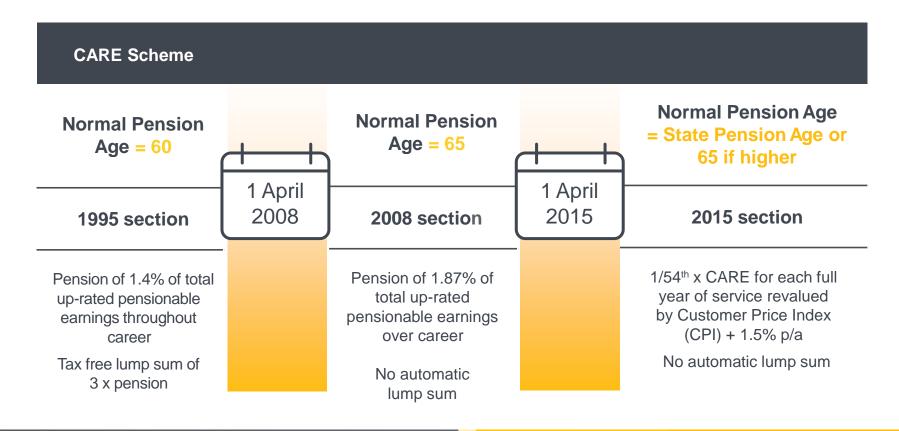
Avoid unnecessary tax charges and understand the April 2024 pension changes

Building for the future – the perfect retirement













III Health Retirement Pension







Dependants pension

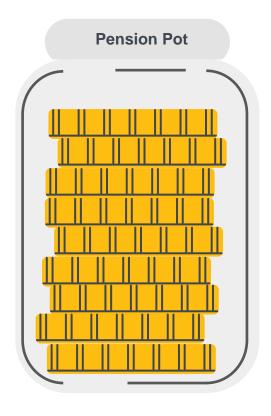


Retirement pension income and lump sum



Death in Service benefits





2015 section is part of the CARE Scheme

Each year you build up a **set percentage** of that year's earnings in your pension pot

+ Indexation percentage



In the 2015 section



Additional Pension



Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)



Early retirement reduction buy out

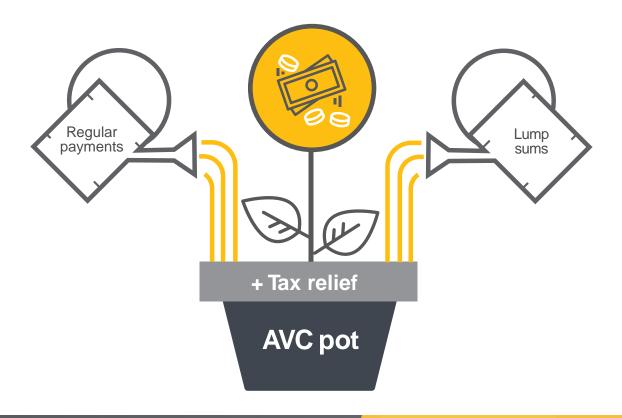
Additional Pension



Purchase Additional Pension up to £8,000 in multiples of £250 in the 2015 section, or for the full £8,036.20 (2023/24). Anything over £6,500 has to be requested via NHS Pensions









2015 section only



Pay extra contributions to buy out the early retirement reduction



Purchase up to a maximum of 3 years buy out



Actuarial reduced early retirement – what does it provide?

With any pension, if you take the benefits earlier than expected this will have a significant effect on the income that you receive from it

The reductions against the NHS Pension Scheme could be considerable

Taking benefits just five years earlier will reduce your pension by:



20% reduction in pension and 11.2% reduction in lump sum -1995 section retirement age 60



21.9% reduction in pension (no automatic lump sum) - 2008 section retirement age 65



23.1% reduction in pension (no automatic lump sum) - 2015 section retirement age currently 65/STATE





Threshold income of £200,000 or more = tested against Tapered Annual Allowance

Adjusted income of £260,000 or more = taper applied at £1 reduction for every £2 of income above £260,000

Adjusted income of £320,000 or more = Annual Allowance reduction to £10,000



Lump Sum Allowance (LSA) and Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA)

Introduced from 1st April 2024 to replace the LTA which limited the amount an individual could accrue in a pension over their lifetime.

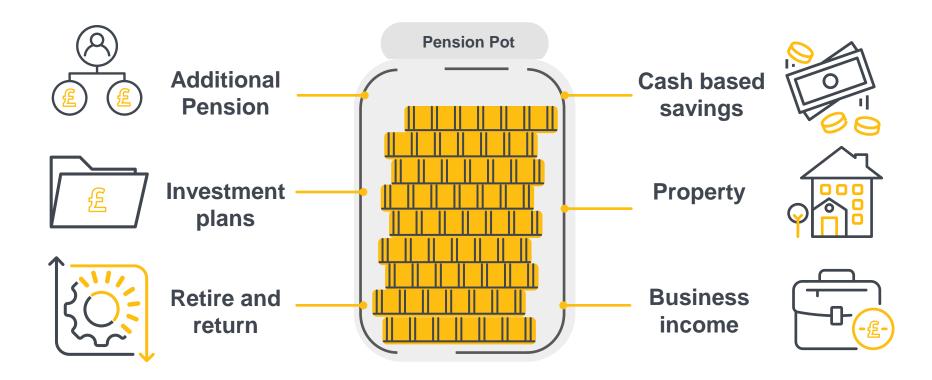
The LSA is £268,275 or 25% of any lifetime allowance protection held if higher. Any Pension Commencement Lump Sum or the Tax-free element of any UFPLS will be tested against this limit.

Any excess will be subject to income tax at the individual's highest marginal rate.

The LSDBA is £1,073,100 or any lifetime allowance protected sum if higher. Tax free lump sums such as death benefit and serious ill health lump sums will be tested against this allowance and any excess subject to income tax at the individual's highest marginal rate.

These are limits on the tax-free lump sums that can be accessed from pensions.







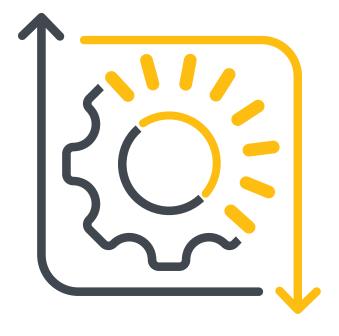
Retire and re-join the NHS Pension Scheme

Not ready to stop work altogether? You can retire and take your full pension, then return to work after a short break and re-join the NHS Pension Scheme to keep building your future pension benefits.

Partial retirement

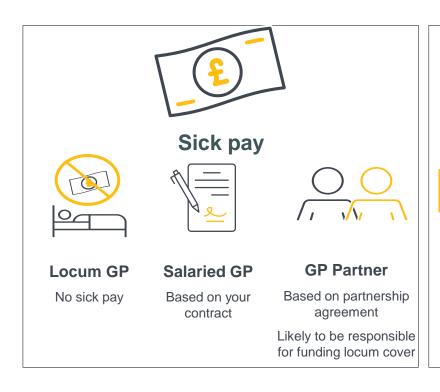
Allows you to claim your pension, whilst continuing to work, but without having to take a break and leave your job.

You will need to work with your employer to adjust your hours or reshape your contract, so your "pensionable pay" is reduced by 10% for the first year.



Scheme benefits - illness related







III health retirement pension

Tier 1 benefits

Being permanently incapable of efficiently carrying out the duties of your employment because of illness or injury

Tier 2 benefits

Being permanently incapable of engaging in regular employment of similar duration because of the illness or injury





Death in Service benefit

Usually equal to the equivalent of 2 years actual reckonable pay

There is currently and additional £60,000 for front line workers who die from Covid-19, contracted whilst on duty.



Dependants pension benefits

Spouses receive half the pension the member would have received if they had retired as Tier 2 ill health on the date of death

If an adult dependent's pension is paid, the children's pension for one child will be dependent on what section the member was in.



Put a plan in action now for your retirement

Understand the impact of the changes on your pension

Consider ways to boost your pension

Review your existing savings and investments

Check that your Death in Service and family benefits provide for your needs

It's important to review your arrangements regularly





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