# McCloud judgement and GP pensions session: What GPs should do now

**Cheshire LMC** 

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Alternative ways of saving for retirement

Annual and
Lifetime
Allowance
including Scheme
Pays

Key Scheme benefits

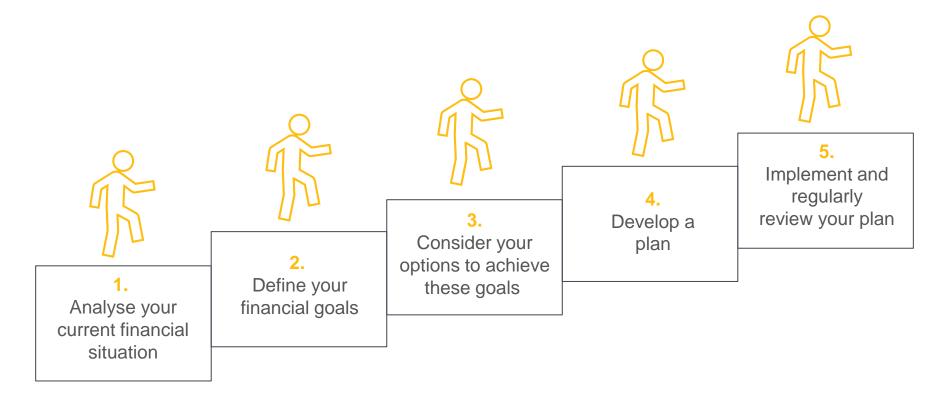
Partial retirement options

McCloud Judgement -Pension age discrimination

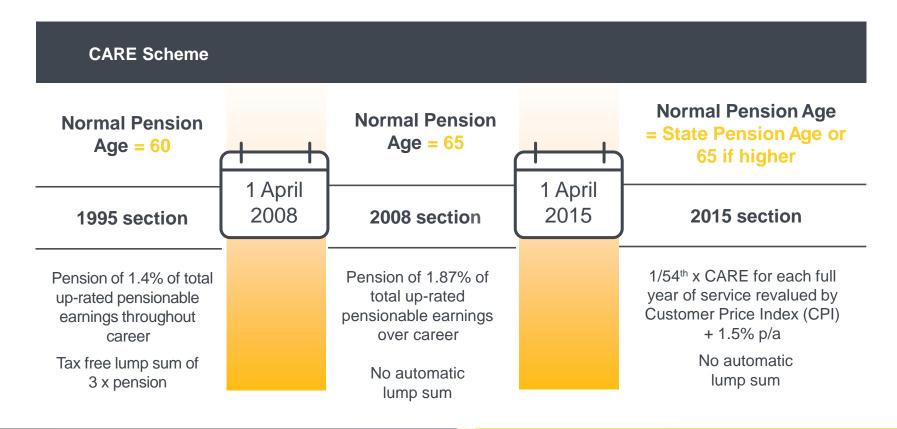
Your actions and next steps

### Five steps to financial fitness

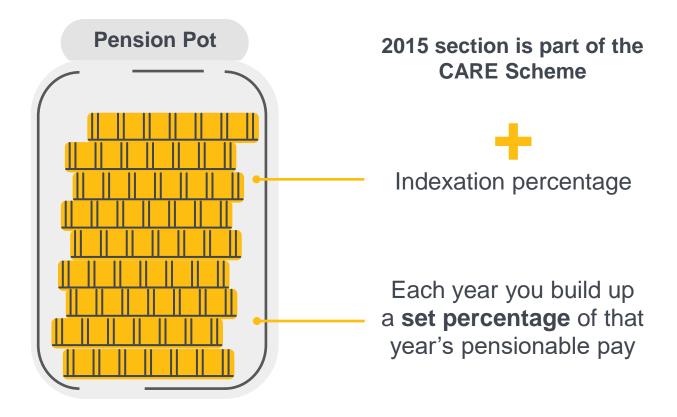






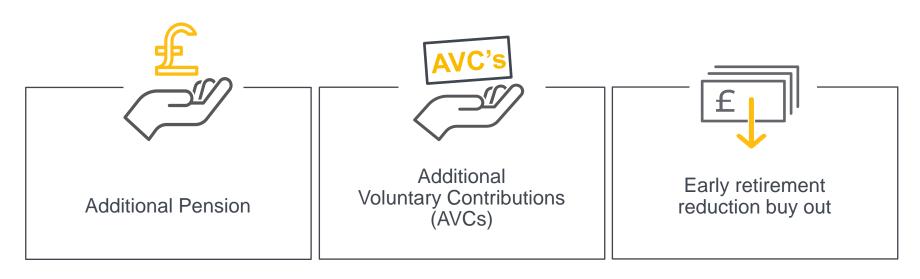






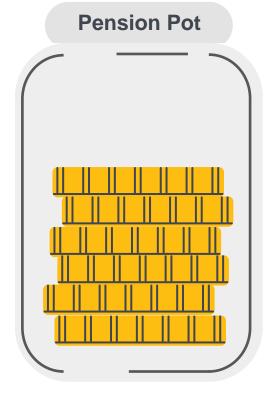


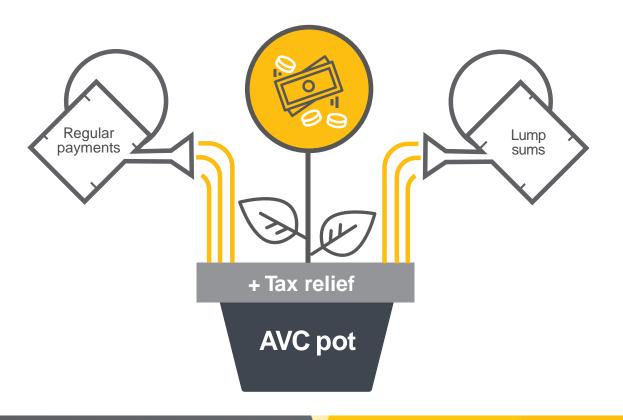
#### In the 2015 section





Purchase Additional Pension up to £8,000 in multiples of £250 in the 2015 section, or for the full £8,036.20 (2024/25). Anything over £6,500 must be requested via NHS Pensions







### 2015 section only

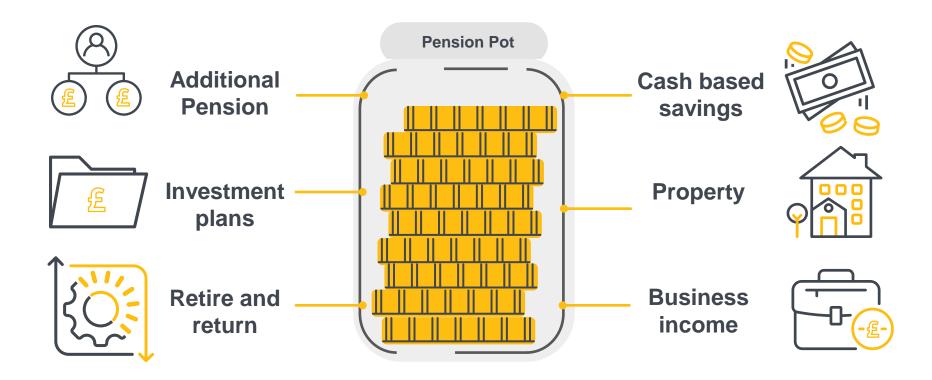


Pay extra contributions to buy out the early retirement reduction



Purchase up to a maximum of 3 years buy out







#### **Pension Pot**



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





### 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.



#### **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.



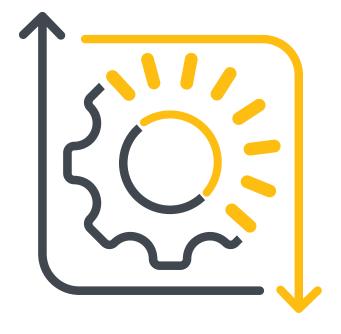
#### Retire and re-join the NHS Pension Scheme

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**

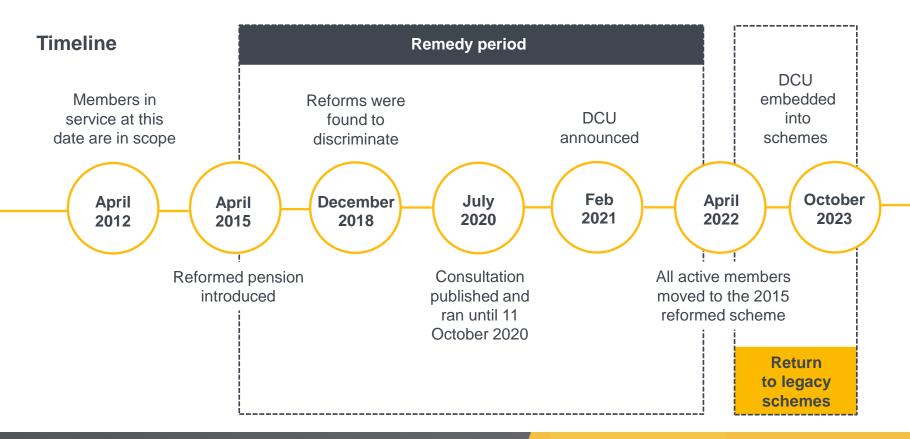
Allows you to claim your pension, whilst continuing to work, but without having to take a break and leave your job.

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.

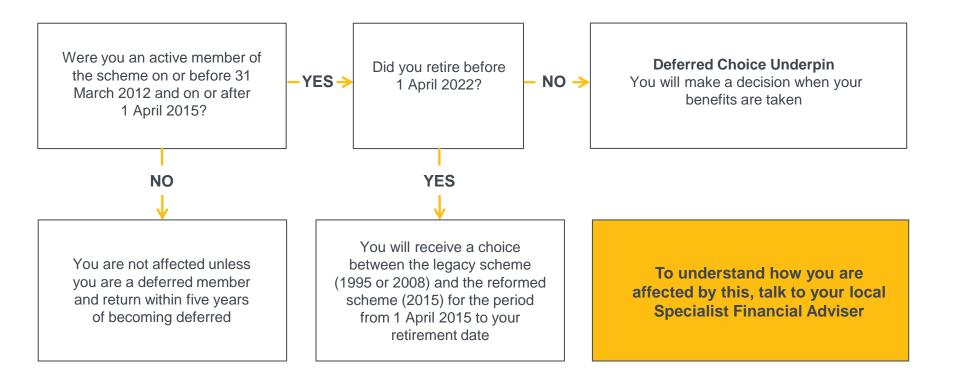


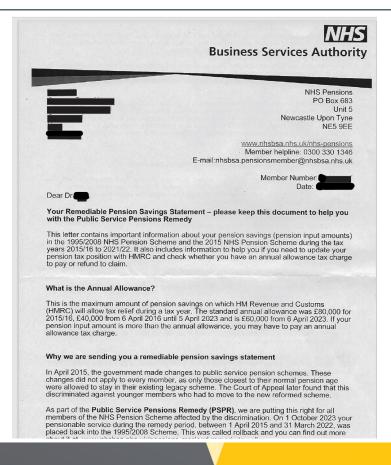
### **The McCloud Judgement**













#### Your NHS Pension Scheme Remedial Pension Savings Statement - Relevant tax years

Pension Input Period Start	Pension Input Period End	Standard annual allowance	New pension input amount		Old pension input amount		Existing scheme pays election	
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06/04/2020	05/04/2021	£40,000.00	£6,102.26	£0.00	£3,700.05	£10,308.92	£0.00	£0.00
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06/04/2018	05/04/2019	£40,000.00	£9,141.52	£0.00	£9,139.51	£8,849.55	£0.00	£0.00
06/04/2017	05/04/2018	£40,000.00	£13,568.07	£0.00	£13,702.83	£9,214.83	£0.00	£0.00
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09/07/2015	05/04/2016	£0.00	£2,417.04	£0.00	£0.00	£6,093.07	£0.00	£0.00
Pre-alignment	tax year							
01/04/2015	08/07/2015	£80,000.00	£879.52	£0.00	£0.00	£2,217.17		



- •What is happening with Annual Allowance?
- •Will Pension services or HMRC identify those clients and let them know they could be eligible?
- •What about those who nominated scheme pays for their AA tax charge?
- •What if a client decides to go back into the 2015 scheme for the remedy period when they reach retirement?
- •Isn't the deadline longer for clients that are owed a refund? But the short deadline for clients that owe HMRC money?



- •Will all members see a reduction in Annual Allowance for the remedy period?
- •What about claim back? Can clients use this?
- •What's the issue with service extracts?
- https://aisma.org.uk/
- •NHS BSA
- •https://www.gov.uk/guidance/calculate-your-public-service-pension-adjustment





- •From October 2024 Remedial Pension Savings Statements issued
- •31 January 2025 deadline for tax return on 23/24 and also completion of HMRC adjustment tool
- •April 2025 if a doctor wants to claim AA compensation for the 19/20, this needs to be done within 6 months of receipt of RPSS (approximately April 2025)
- •6 July 2025 deadline for scheme pays amendments for McCloud (19/20-22/23) for current and deferred members
- •31 July 2025 deadline for scheme pays for normal 23/24 year
- •6 July 2027 deadline for scheme pays amendments for McCloud (19/20-22/23) for members who retired pre-31/10/23



Put a plan in action now for your retirement

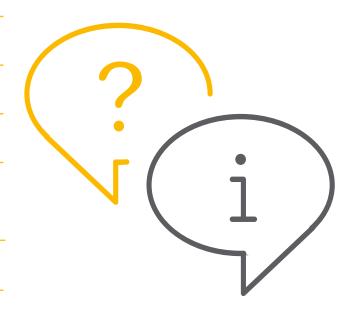
Understand the impact of the changes on your pension

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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