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Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – Pension related articles

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Mar 2017 - Firefighters Pension Scheme 2015 – Powerpoint Presentation

On behalf of DFRS Pension Board and following the introduction of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2015, HR and the FBU have worked together to produce a Powerpoint Presentation outlining potential retirement options and important information about the scheme. This Powerpoint Presentation is particularly important if an employee has one pot in the 1992 / 2006 / RDS Modified schemes and one pot in 2015 scheme.

The Powerpoint Presentation can be accessed via FireView using the link below.
[New Firefighters Pension Scheme Rules Presentation.pptx](#)

If you require any further information or support on Pensions, please contact the relevant Pension Administrator

Nov 2016 - Pensions Scam

We have been informed by the Pensions Team at Leicestershire County Council (LCC) of a recent Pension Scam.

The occasion that LCC have informed us about involves an On-Call Firefighter. This member was very concerned because he had received a visit from a financial adviser who had got him to sign various forms to try and unlock his Firefighters pension.

The member was contacted directly a couple of weeks ago to arrange this visit. After the meeting the member googled the contact number for the financial adviser and the results he got back said that this was a pension scam.

LCC have reassured the member that no information will be passed on and that it is not possible to transfer a Firefighters pension to such an arrangement.

We advise all Pension members to be cautious if they are approached by any individual with regards to their pension if they believe it to be suspicious.

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Apr 2019 - Amendments to the Firefighters Pension Schemes

Changes have been made to the 1992 Firefighters' Pension Scheme and the Firefighters Compensation Scheme. These changes come into effect from 1 April 2019 and are explained below:

Surviving partner's pension

The 1992 scheme and the compensation scheme rules on survivors' pensions have been changed following a legal judgement¹. This judgement considered the restriction of service within the calculation of the surviving partners' pension for civil partners² and same sex marriage³ unlawful.

The 1992 Firefighters' Pension Scheme and the Firefighters' Compensation Scheme have been changed to remove the restriction on service from 6 April 1988 used in the calculation of a survivor's pension to a civil partner or same sex marriage. This change applies retrospectively.

This has the following effect.

- If you are a firefighter member (whether you are active, have left or retired) and in a civil partnership or same sex marriage. You do not need to do anything, the survivors pension payable on your death will automatically be calculated based on your full service with no restriction applied.
- If you are in receipt of a:
 - Firefighters survivors pension from the 1992 scheme, and or
 - Survivors pension from the compensation scheme (under the rules of the compensation scheme, a survivors pension is only paid where the former Firefighter died from the effect of a qualifying injury or of infirmity of mind or body occasioned by a qualifying injury)

and were civil partnered or in a same-sex marriage, your pension may have been calculated based on restricted service from 6 April 1988 only. Your pension in payment may need to be recalculated to include the firefighter member's full service.

- If a family member or friend, who has subsequently died was in receipt of:
 - a survivors pension from the Firefighters scheme, and or

Survivors pension from the compensation scheme (under the rules of the compensation scheme, a survivors pension is only paid where the former Firefighter died from the effect of a qualifying injury or of infirmity of mind or body occasioned by a qualifying injury)

as a result of being in a same-sex marriage or civil partnership with a member of

the Firefighters scheme, the pension may have been calculated based on restricted service from 6 April 1988 only

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