



Pensions in partnership

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Farewell Pauline

Pauline Kerrigan who will be very well known to most of you as one of our Liaison Officers will be retiring at the end of March.

Auto enrolment

CIPP is running a course in Glasgow on 28 Feb, see <http://www.cipp.org.uk/en/learning-and-development/training-courses/index.cfm/pensionreforms>

Ill health liability insurance

We will shortly be issuing information making employers aware of a means to insure themselves against bad ill health retiral experience within their own workforce.

Pensions politics

A project has been set up to introduce a new LGPS for England & Wales, see <http://www.lgps.org.uk/lge/core/page.do?pagelid=15431012>

An appeal against the High Court judgment on RPI / CPI indexation was lodged on Jan 12.

Promoting the LGPS

Have you considered issuing an "All staff" email to all of your employees who are not having pension contributions deducted from their pay reminding them of the benefits of being in the LGPS?

Fixed protection

We have issued a letter about using this to preserve a £1.8m lifetime allowance to those members earning £90K+ that we have been made aware of.

Other news

We would urge you to **password protect any Excls that you email us.**

SPPA has confirmed that the **pension increase from April 9 2012 will be 5.2%**, see http://www.sppa.gov.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=719&catid=242&Itemid=276

The SPPA has not yet advised what member contribution rates for 2012/13 will be. As soon as they do we will pass the info on.

As trailed in Mar 11's PIP, **employer and employee contracting out rebates are reducing from April 2012**, see <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/nic.htm>

Our planned timings for our 2012 major Comms deliverables are:

- **June** annual report
- **Aug** deferred benefit statements with In Touch
- **Oct** active benefit statements with Fundnews
- **Nov** Pensionnews