

Meeting of the Board 24 June 2021

Dashboard staging date: Discussion

Introduction

1. DWP have outlined their proposals under the dashboard for the order and timing of when schemes will be able to connect to the pension dashboard.
2. They are now asking for feedback on these proposals via the [call for input](#) which will close on Friday 9 July.

DWP Proposals

3. Dashboards should increase engagement and individual awareness of pension savers¹.
4. First wave to commence from April 2023 over period of two years.
5. Pensions coverage is important to DWP, 99% of entitlement achieved from schemes with 1000+ members.
6. Public service pension schemes represent a significant portion of members (nearly 20% of all active and deferred memberships in scope for dashboards).
7. Public sector schemes to be included in cohort three of first wave.
8. Keen for public sector schemes to onboard as early as possible within first wave, ideally from late 2023.
9. Paragraphs 88 to 91 deal with Public Service schemes.
10. Further engagement necessary to recognise what McCloud means for public sector savers.

For discussion

11. What needs to be available on the dashboard to give value for Firefighters?
12. Is it expected that value for Firefighters would be different or the same as value for other types of savers?
13. Are there differences within the membership of different perceptions of value, e.g. between wholetime and on-call Firefighters?

¹ 'Savers' are members of pension schemes.

14. Is presence on the dashboard or accuracy of benefits more important for Firefighters?
15. What would the impact be if the dashboard could not initially reflect McCloud due to an early staging date?
16. What specifically are the challenges represented by the McCloud Judgment for public service schemes in terms of dashboard readiness?
17. What is the earliest that public service schemes could reasonably be expected to connect?"
18. Should locally administered Fire schemes be treated as one scheme with excess of 1000+ members, or individually by size?

Board action

19. For the Board to discuss and note comments on the proposals and what will be of value to Firefighters

Board Secretary
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