

Employer Newsletter

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Annual Benefit Statement Video Now Available

Earlier this month, we contacted members to let them know about a new personalised Annual Benefit Statement (ABS) video, which is now available through Member Self-Service.

The video is designed to help members better understand their pension benefits, including:

- What a defined benefit pension scheme is
- The benefits they have built up so far
- The benefits they are working towards at retirement
- Their lump sum options at retirement
- Additional benefits provided by the scheme

We would be grateful if you could share this update with members within your organisation.

If you are a scheme member yourself, log in to **Member Self-Service** to view your own personalised video and learn more about your pension benefits in an easy-to-understand format.

Your 2026 pension explained

This personalised 5 minute video is unique to your pension and will walk you through the most important parts of your annual benefit statement.

Watch the video



MEMBER TOPIC | New to the LGPS? You May Be Able to Transfer Previous Pension Benefits

With many organisations welcoming new employees this September, it is a good opportunity to remind new starters that they may be able to transfer pension benefits from a previous pension arrangement into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

A pension transfer could help bring members retirement savings together in one place and make them easier to keep track of.

If a member has recently joined the LGPS and has pension benefits from previous employment, they may be able to transfer them into the scheme. However, there are important deadlines and considerations. LGPS member have 12 months from joining the scheme to start the process for transferring in their benefits.

If your new LGPS members would like to find out more about transferring previous pension benefits, please direct them to visit our [transfer page](#) on our [website](#) or contact the pensions team for further information.

If a member has received a promotion within your organisation, we may not be notified through the data you provide, as this will generally appear as a continuous period of service. However, where the promotion involves a substantial change in role, it may be possible for the Fund to reopen the transfer window for the member.

In such cases, please ask the member to contact the Fund directly so that we can investigate whether this option is available.

Standard Life – Workplace Connect

Standard Life is currently working on improvements to its **Workplace Connect** online portal, with the aim of making it easier for employers to submit and manage information.

While an exact launch date has not yet been confirmed, the updated portal is expected to be introduced later this year.

At this stage, this is primarily an awareness update for employers. As Standard Life prepares to roll out these changes, we recommend checking that your organisation's contact details are up to date with them. This will help ensure you receive any communications, guidance and updates relating to the new portal as they become available.

We will continue to share further information with employers as soon as we receive additional details from Standard Life.

FINAL REMINDER | Employer Meetings

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming bi-annual employer meetings this September. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and share your feedback with the Fund.

Following the significant changes introduced this year through the Access & Fairness reforms, we will be dedicating a substantial portion of the meeting to this topic. We will provide updates on the changes, discuss their impact on employers, and give you the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns.

Meeting details:

- **Dates:**
 - Thursday 10 September 2026, 10am - 11am
 - Monday 14 September 2026, 10am - 11am
 - Tuesday 15 September 2026, 1pm - 2pm
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Location:** Online via MS Teams
- **Cost:** Free of charge

To book your place, please contact Daniel Pattingale at Daniel.pattingale@cornwall.gov.uk. If there are any specific topics you would like us to cover, please let us know when reserving your spot.

FINAL REMINDER | Annual Roadshow

Please can the below information be shared with members inside your organisation

The Cornwall Pension Fund is hosting our annual roadshow from June to September, providing members with the opportunity to meet a representative of the team in person. These events offer a valuable chance to:

- Discuss any questions regarding your Annual Benefit Statement
- Receive support with using Member Self-Service
- Ask about any aspect of your LGPS Pension Fund membership

Members are welcome to drop in at any time during the event.

Each event will run from **9am – 5pm**

Upcoming Locations and Dates:

01 September 2026 - Acorn Theatre, Parade St, Penzance, TR18 4BU

23 September 2026 - CSpace, The Crescent, Newquay TR7 1DT

We encourage you to check the 'News' section of our website regularly for the latest updates on dates, times, and any additional locations.

Assumed Pensionable Pay training

The Local Government Association (LGA) have updated the employer bite-size training course on assumed pensionable pay (APP).

The course has been amended to reflect the changes to the LGPS regulations that took effect from 1 April 2026.

You can find the APP course and other bite-size training for employers on the [Employer bite-size training](https://www.lgpsregs.org) page of www.lgpsregs.org

The Fund is in the process of updating our own APP employer training. If you have any questions or you are interested in attending the next session, please email our Employer Communication & Training Officer – Dan Pattingale at Daniel.Pattingale@cornwall.gov.uk.

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