

# Public Service Pension Schemes at GAD

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Apologies for the delay since the previous newsletter, please let me know if you have any ideas for future topics to cover in newsletters

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## GAD News

We've now completed provisional valuation calculations following HMT's announcement of updated Directions and are now liaising with schemes regarding the next steps in the valuation process. We are also continuing to work on updating of the Actuarial Factors in order to meet the required implementation dates for administrators.

## Hot Topics

### Actuarial Factors

We are currently updating Actuarial Factors to take account of the latest experience. Given that there are over 1,000 sets of Factor tables (plus the associated guidance) that needs to be updated this is a large undertaking.

The updated factors will take account of the ONS-16 mortality projections (which we discussed in our January newsletter), the latest SCAPE discount rate and scheme specific experience from the valuation exercise.

We understand that schemes have various requirements in respect of implementation dates and are working to provide revised factors by these dates. If you have any questions around the factor review please get in touch with your usual scheme contact.

### Calculators

We have produced a wide variety of different calculators that can be used by stakeholders for a number of different schemes. The advantage of calculators such as these is that it enables users to test out various scenarios without needing to involve GAD.

Examples of some possible calculators that we could produce include:

**Member Contribution yield calculators** - These can be used to calculate the yield that a scheme might expect to receive from a given member contribution rate structure and can be used to model various options for contribution structures that meet the required yield

**Member benefit calculators** - These can be used by members and/or scheme administrators to calculate expected pension benefits. Examples include:

- Modelling projected retirement benefits
- Impact of member options, eg retirement choices or purchasing added pension
- Impact of opting for scheme pays to meet a pensions tax charge

**Calculators to assist with policy advice** – We can provide calculators to help assess the impact of possible policy decisions. For example, this could include looking at the cost and/or impact on example member benefits of alternative benefit design options.

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## LGPS Section 13 Report

GAD have now completed the first statutory report of the LGPS pension funds required under Section 13 of the Public Service Pension Act 2013.

This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-pension-scheme-review-of-the-actuarial-valuations-of-funds-as-at-31-march-2016>