Dear

**Firefighters’ Pension Schemes – Age Discrimination Retrospective Remedy**

**[Name of Member]**

We are writing to you following your late XX death on XX. Please accept our condolences on your loss.

[We wrote to [you/your XXX] on [INSERT DATE] to let [you/them] know that [you/they] were eligible under the 2015 age discrimination remedy.]

[We wrote to your XXX on [INSERT DATE] with regards to the review of their ill health pension, under the FPS 1992/2006 (special) /2015 [DELETE AS APPROPRIATE] ill-health eligibility criteria, as they may have been entitled to different benefits than under the FPS 1992/2006 (special)/2015 Scheme [DELETE AS APPROPRIATE], should they have met those criteria.]

In 2015, new laws introduced a new scheme for firefighters - the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2015 (FPS 2015). These laws included protections which meant that some members of the legacy schemes (FPS 1992 and FPS 2006) didn't join FPS 2015 either straight away or at all, depending on their age. After a legal challenge, the courts determined that these protections were age discriminatory.

Following consultation, the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 came into force on 1 April 2022 to remedy the discrimination.

Following further consultation, the Firefighters’ Pensions (Remediable Service) Regulations 2023 were laid and will come into force on 1 October 2023 to allow for retrospective remedy which covers the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2022.

As your XXX was an unprotected or tapered member under the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme 1992/2006 (special)[DELETE AS APPROPRIATE] this means that you will be able to choose to receive either a dependent’s benefit under the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme 2015 (FPS 2015) or [FPS 1992 or FPS 2006 (special)[DELETE AS APPROPRIATE] for the remedy period, or up to date of leaving[DELETE AS APPROPRIATE].

[Following your XXX’s review and my letter of XXX confirming the outcome, if you elect for legacy benefits for the remedy period, you will be eligible for a dependent’s pension based upon the higher/lower tier [DELETE AS APPROPRIATE] ill health pension.]

Information will be made available to you about your [dependent] benefit options, through a Remediable Service Statement (RSS) for the remedy period. The RSS will be sent to you between October 2023 and May 2024.

Information about the Firefighters’ Pension Schemes, including FPS 2015 contribution rates and the 2015 age discrimination Remedy, can be found here <https://fpsmember.org/>

Yours sincerely