

## Local Pensions Partnership Administration

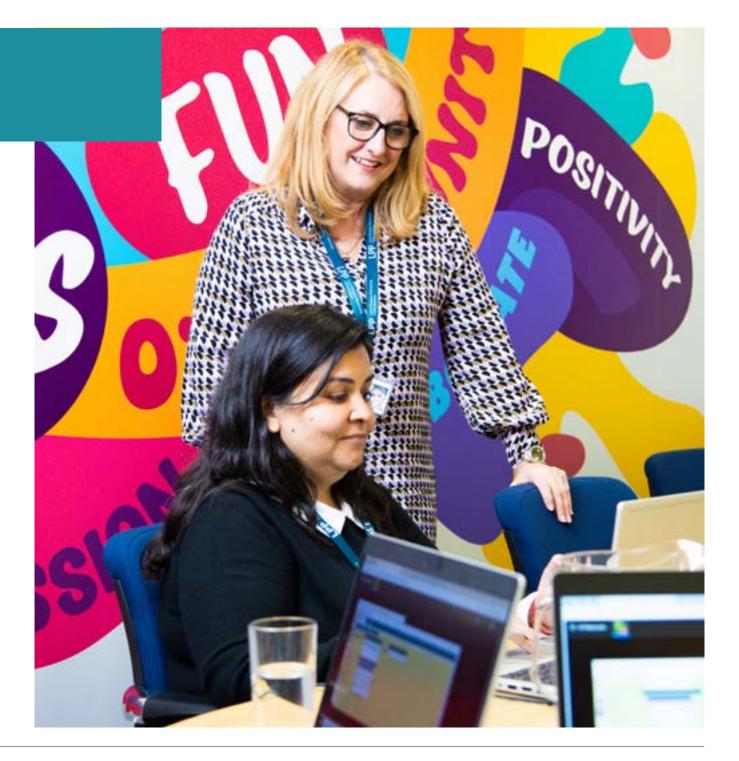
**Brent Pension Fund** 

## Quarterly Administration Report

1st January - 31st March 2024

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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#### **Total Fund Membership**

Total Fund Membership is the number of Member records held on the LPPA pensions administration system that are contributing to, awaiting benefits, or receiving benefits from the pension fund.

#### Current Age Demographic

The age profile of the Membership is split across three types of status:

Active Members – Members who are currently contributing toward their pension benefits.

Deferred Members – Members who hold a deferred benefit in the fund.

Pensioner Members – Pensioners and Dependants who are currently receiving a pension.

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#### **Casework Performance - All Cases**

Performance is measured once all information is made available to LPPA to enable them to complete the process. Relevant processes are assigned a target timescale for completion, and the performance is measured as the percentage of processes that have been completed within that timescale.

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#### **Casework Performance - Standard**

The category of 'Other' on this page covers processes including, but not limited to:

- APC/AVC Queries
- Additional Conts Cessation
- Change of Hours
- Change of Personal Details
- Under Three Month Opt-Out
- Main to 50/50 Scheme Changes
- Divorce Quotes
- Divorce Settlement
- Ill Health Reviews

Please note that this page includes cases that have met the SLA target, but the stop trigger may also have been actioned before the process has been completed.

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#### Ongoing Casework at the end of the Reporting Quarter

Please note the number of processes brought forward, does not match the corresponding number of outstanding processes reported in the previous quarter (due to various reasons which can include; but not limited to, the deletion of a process or changes in assigned categories).

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#### **Helpdesk Performance**

Average wait time measures the time taken from the caller being placed into the queue, to them speaking with a Helpdesk adviser.

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#### **Member Online Portal**

The number and percentage of member records by status, that are registered for LPPA's Member Self-Service facility, PensionPoint.

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#### Common/Scheme Specific Data Fails

The Pensions Regulator requires Administrators to keep Member data up to date to ensure benefits are accurately paid. This is split by Common Data (details that are specific to the Member) and Scheme Specific Data (data that is related to the pension).

Individual Fails shows the total number of unique Members that have a single or multiple number of Common Data or Scheme Specific Data fails. On both charts, the Accuracy Rate (%) then compares the number of Individual Fails to the total number of Scheme Members.

For more detail on the Data Items / Error types presented in these charts, please visit either the <u>TPR</u> or <u>PASA</u> (The Pension Administration Standards Association) websites.

#### **OUR CORE VALUES**

This administration report is produced in accordance with the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the provision of pension administration services.

The report describes the performance of Local Pensions Partnership Administration (LPPA) against the standards set out in the SLA.

Within LPPA, our values play a fundamental role in guiding our behaviour as we grow our pensions services business and share the benefits with our Clients.



#### **ANNUAL PLAN**





	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24
Annual Benefit Statement and Newsletter to Deferred Members				<b>/</b>								
Pension Increases		<b>~</b>										
P60s and Newsletter to Pensioners		<b>✓</b>										
Annual Benefit Statement and Newsletter to Active Members					<b>✓</b>							
Pension Saving Statements							<b>✓</b>					
HMRC Scheme Returns							<b>✓</b>					
IAS19 data				<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>				<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Forward thinking...
Working together...
Doing the right thing...
Committed to excellence...

#### This performance report covers the reporting period of Q4 2023/24 (January – March 2024)

#### **Statutory deadlines**

All regulatory and statutory deadlines due in the reporting period were met.

IAS19 data

#### **Casework SLA performance**

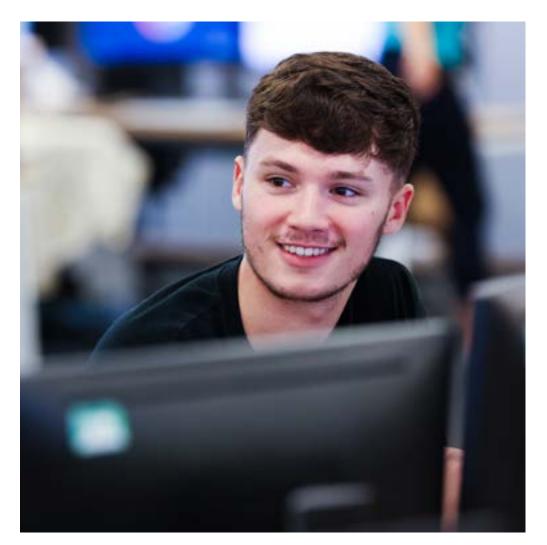
Overall performance continues to be strong. Performance in the key areas of retirements and bereavements is now at or close to the 95% target.

#### **Satisfaction scores**

Satisfaction scores across the Helpdesk and retirements are reported at client level. Low survey responses can lead to volatility. Improvements to member satisfaction is a key focus area.

#### **Pensions Helpdesk**

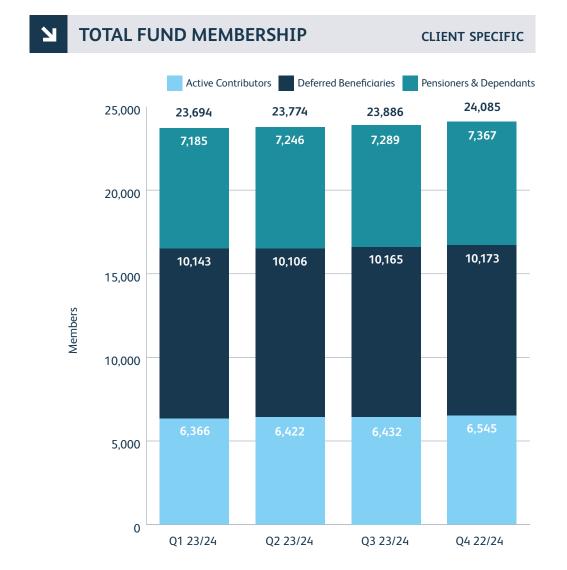
Helpdesk wait times have been consistently under the targeted 4 minute wait time. Both average wait time and call volumes are reported at client level. Abandoned calls percentage has also been consistently favourable to target. Abandoned rate is reported across all LPPA clients as we do not know which client a member was calling from until after a call has been accepted.

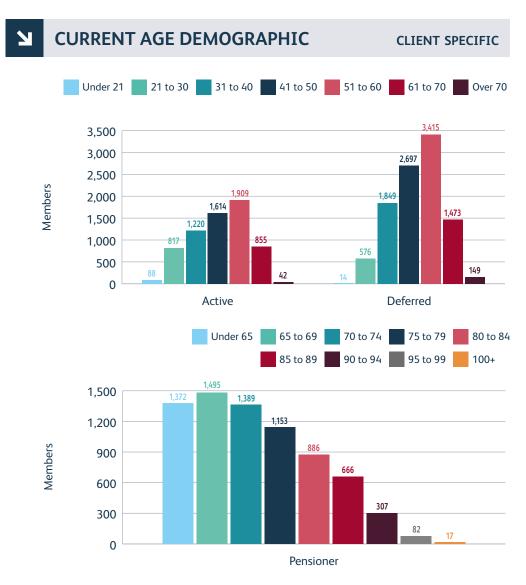


## Fund Membership

- Total fund membership
- Current age demographic

#### **TOTAL FUND MEMBERSHIP**





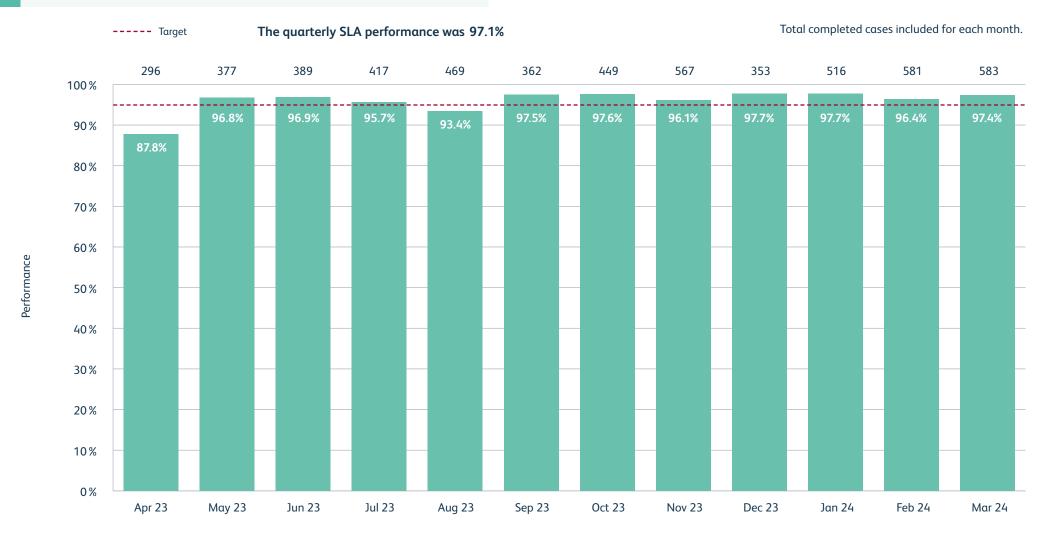
## Casework Performance

- Performance all cases
- Performance standard
- Ongoing casework at end of reporting quarter

#### **CASEWORK PERFORMANCE**

**1** 

#### **PERFORMANCE – ALL CASES**



#### **CASEWORK PERFORMANCE**

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#### **PERFORMANCE STANDARD**

#### CLIENT SPECIFIC

----- Target (95%) SLA target Total 0% 20% 10% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% (working days) Processed 10 50 100.0% **New Starters** Transfers In 10 67 95.5% 96.7% Transfers Out 10 151 83.3% Estimates 10 30 94.8% **Deferred Benefits** 15 172 94.3% 5 Retirements - Deferred 246 92.9% Retirements - Active 5 99 Refunds 5 105 97.1% 99.3% Deaths 5 153 Correspondence 145 10 98.4% 63 Aggregation 10 100.0% Other (see Definitions – page 3) 399 1,680 Total

#### **CASEWORK PERFORMANCE**

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#### ONGOING CASEWORK AT THE END OF THE REPORTING QUARTER

CLIENT SPECIFIC

The following table is created by identifying all reportable casework within UPM, and includes those that have subsequently Completed / Aborted / Remain Outstanding within the quarter. The figures in this table cannot be compared to those in the previous slide for a number of reasons including: the table includes aborted cases, but the horizontal bar graph does not; the SLA 'stop trigger' can be actioned before the process has been completed.

	Brought Forward at 01/02/24	Received (Inbound)	Completed (Outbound)	Outstanding as of 31/03/24
New Starters	-	67	58	9
Transfers In	182	97	114	165
Transfers Out	253	172	205	220
Estimates	23	40	39	24
Deferred Benefits	270	248	266	252
Retirements - Deferred	228	267	255	240
Retirements - Active	62	126	102	86
Refunds	73	173	195	51
Deaths	242	211	173	280
Correspondence	102	205	201	106
Aggregation	105	115	95	125
Other	57	418	417	58
Total	1,597	2,139	2,120	1,616

## Helpdesk Calls Performance

The Helpdesk deals with all online enquiries and calls from Members for all funds that LPPA provide administration services for.

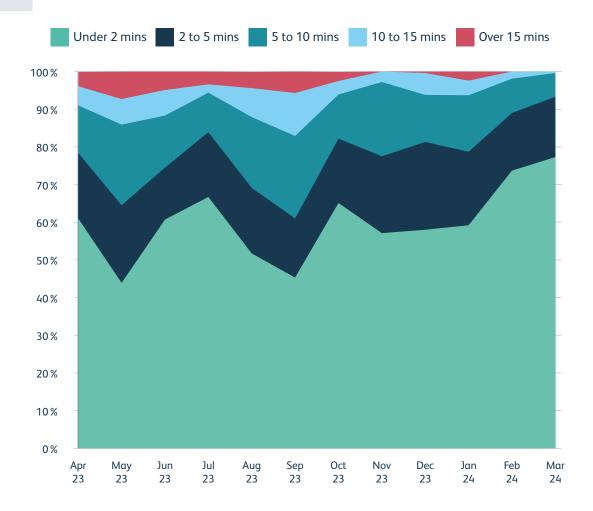
- Wait time range
- Calls answered

#### **HELPDESK CALLS PERFORMANCE**

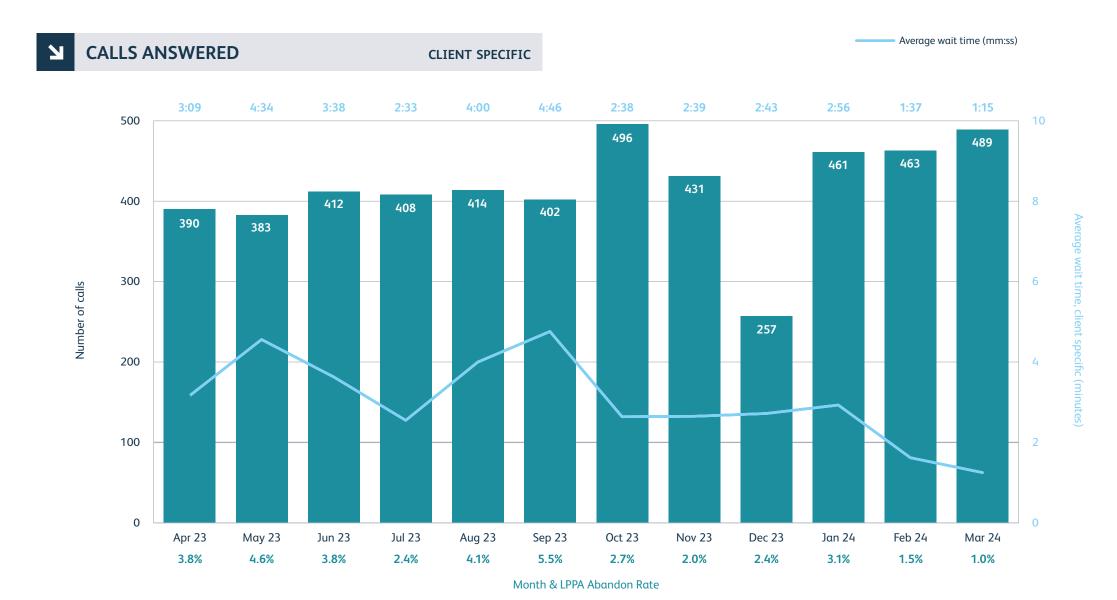


#### **WAIT TIME RANGE**

	Under 2 mins	2 to 5 mins	5 to 10 mins	10 to 15 mins	Over 15 mins
Apr 23	61.0 %	17.4%	12.6 %	5.1 %	3.8 %
May 23	43.9 %	20.6 %	21.4%	6.8 %	7.3 %
Jun 23	60.7 %	13.8 %	13.8 %	6.8 %	4.9 %
Jul 23	66.7 %	17.2 %	10.5 %	2.2 %	3.4 %
Aug 23	51.7 %	17.4%	18.8 %	7.7 %	4.3 %
Sep 23	45.3 %	15.7 %	21.9 %	11.4%	5.7 %
Oct 23	65.1 %	17.1 %	11.7 %	3.6 %	2.4 %
Nov 23	57.1 %	20.4 %	19.7 %	2.8 %	0.0 %
Dec 23	58.0 %	23.3 %	12.5 %	5.8 %	0.4%
Jan 24	59.2 %	19.5 %	15.0 %	3.9 %	2.4%
Feb 24	73.7 %	15.3 %	9.1 %	1.9 %	0.0 %
Mar 24	77.3 %	16.0 %	6.3 %	0.4%	0.0 %



#### **HELPDESK CALLS PERFORMANCE**

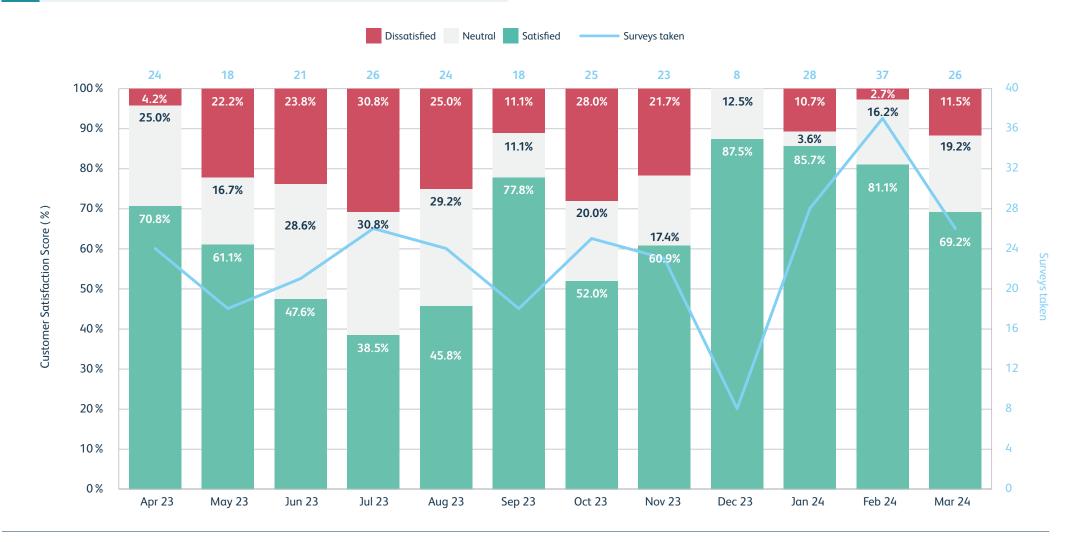


## **Customer Satisfaction Scores**

- Helpdesk calls satisfaction
- Retirements

#### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SCORES**

Y HELPDESK CALLS SATISFACTION CLIENT SPECIFIC



#### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SCORES**





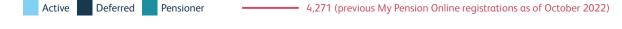
# PensionPoint Member Online Portal

- Total members registered
- Members registered (%)

## PensionPoint MEMBER ONLINE PORTAL

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#### TOTAL MEMBERS REGISTERED

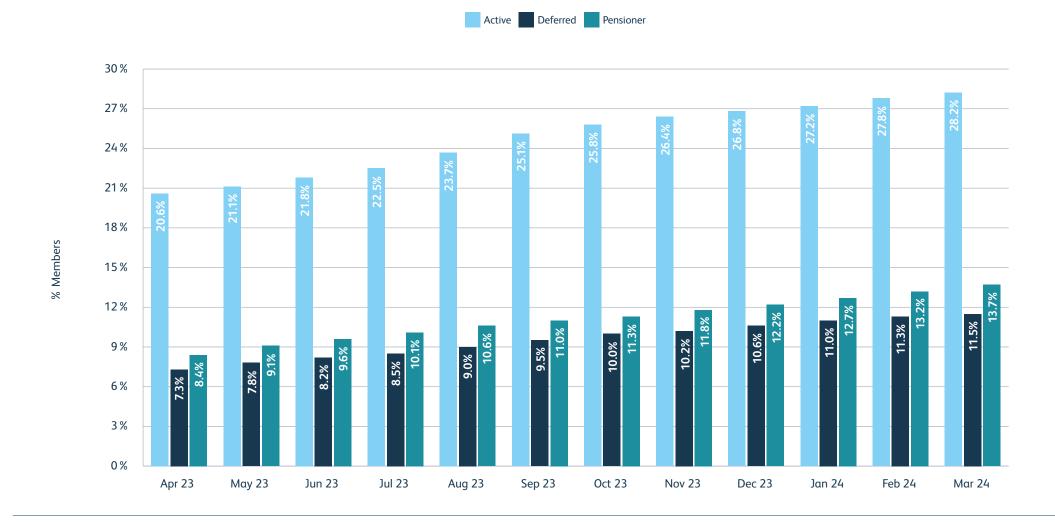




## PensionPoint MEMBER ONLINE PORTAL

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#### MEMBERS REGISTERED (%)



# Employer Engagement & Member Communication Activity

- Delivered
- Scheduled
- Engagement communications (Employers & Members)

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#### **DELIVERED**

**ALL LPPA** 

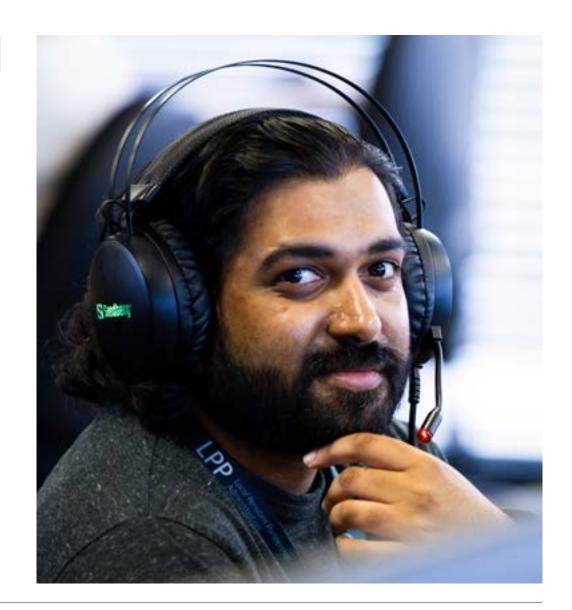
- Monthly return reminder emails have continued to go out to employers, including updates on the <u>validations process</u> (explaining that 'Reasons for Leaving' must be added in the right format when completing their monthly return – this will help reduce the number of individual leaver forms needed in the future).
- A new Retirement section has been added to the LPPA website to help members understand and navigate the retirement process. Key pages that have been updated for members include (click links to view):
  - 1. New retirement landing page
  - 2. LGPS planning for retirement page
  - 3. Early retirement
  - 4. Late retirement
- <u>Planning for retirement</u> emails were also sent to active members aged over 55, to signpost them through to the new retirement website section for more information.
- Further LPPA website pages were updated for members, with information provided on <u>P60s</u>, <u>pension increases and CARE revaluation</u>, and <u>employee contribution rates</u>.

- The <u>50/50 page</u> has also been updated to promote the benefits of staying in the LGPS.
- A <u>Pension Pulse</u> employer bulletin was produced in February highlighting
  the key dates for employers to look out for throughout 2024 also
  promoting the <u>employer toolkit</u> and <u>training schedules</u>.
- In addition, an additional <u>Pension Pulse</u> was issued to employers in March, with useful updates on new contribution and APC rates, carer's leave regulations and CARE revaluation.
- Annual <u>life certificate emails</u> have been sent to retirees who live outside of the UK.
- The PensionPoint <u>resources page</u> on the LPPA website has been updated to promote the benefits of PensionPoint and improvements (view service history etc), and <u>emails</u> have been issued / are planned to increase registration numbers.
- A letter review project has been implemented, with an initial focus on retirement letters. The aim of this project is to make sure letters are jargon-free, easy to understand and support members with the right information at the right time. The project will continue until March 2025.
- Finally, the 2024 / 25 LPPA communications schedule, highlighting planned, statutory campaigns was circulated to clients.

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#### **SCHEDULED**

- P60s will be added to PensionPoint by 31 May 2024 and emails will be sent in Q1 to any members where we hold an email address. Paper P60s will be mailed to those who have opted out of digital communications or contact LPPA to request a copy.
- An online newsletter will be emailed to retired members and will be made available on the LPPA website.
- Email communications and telephone calls will continue to non-submitting (monthly return file) employers.
- ABS communications will be prepared for issue in Q2 (by August 31), including letters, emails and website pages.
- The LPPA Communications team are working on further, planned improvements to the LPPA website.



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#### **ENGAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3 virtual employer visits were held.
- UPM employer portal training was delivered with 1 employer attending.
- Submitting montly returns training was delivered with 1 employer attending.
- Monthly member sessions were delivered, with 2 Brent Fund members attending the Making Sense of your Pension sessions and 1 attending the Making Sense of your Retirement sessions.



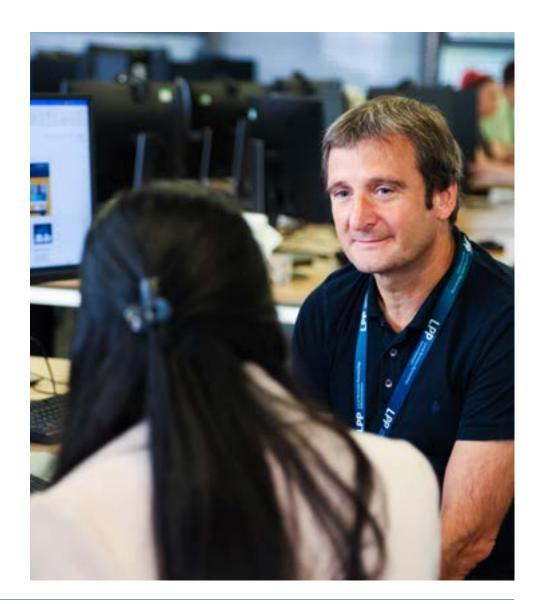


#### MPLOYERS CLIENT SPECIFIC

Date	Employer	Activity	Number in attendance
23 Jan	The Village School	Virtual Employer Visit	1
30 Jan	Anson Primary School	UPM Employer Portal	1
05 Feb	Ark Academy	Submitting Monthly Returns	1
12 Feb	The Village School	Virtual Employer Visit	1
23 Feb	Islamia School	Virtual Employer Visit	1

#### MEMBERS CLIENT SPECIFIC

Date	Employer	Activity	Number in attendance
15 Feb	BPF Members	Making Sense of Your Pension	1
19 Mar	BPF Members	Making Sense of Retirement	1
22 Mar	BPF Members	Making Sense of Your Pension	2



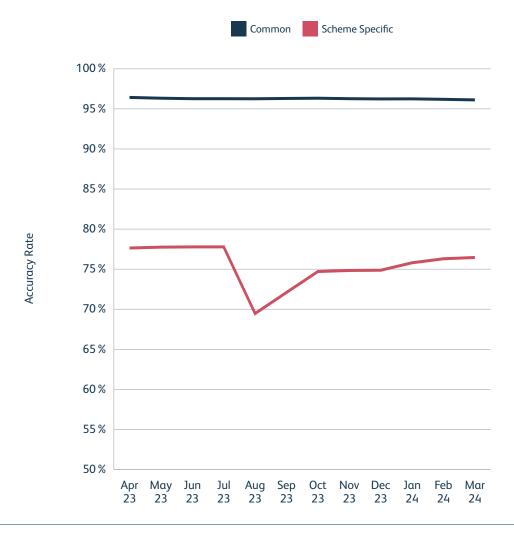
## **Data Quality**

- TPR data scores
- Common data
- Scheme specific data

#### **DATA QUALITY**

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#### **TPR DATA SCORES**



	Common (Target 95%)	Scheme Specific (Target 90%)
Apr 23	96.43%	77.64%
May 23	96.33%	77.75%
Jun 23	96.27%	77.78%
Jul 23	96.27%	77.78%
Aug 23	96.26%	69.47%
Sep 23	96.30%	72.10%
Oct 23	96.33%	74.71%
Nov 23	96.27%	74.84%
Dec 23	96.24%	74.87%
Jan 24	96.25%	75.80%
Feb 24	96.19%	76.30%
Mar 24	96.12%	76.46%

#### **END OF QUARTER DATA QUALITY**

(TPR SCORES)

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#### **COMMON DATA**

CLIENT SPECIFIC

Data Item	Active	Deferred	Pensioner / Dependant
Invalid or Temporary NI Number	2	79	33
Duplicate effective date in status history	1	25	13
Gender is not Male or Female	24	0	0
Duplicate entries in status history	11	48	26
Missing (or known false) Date of Birth	0	0	0
Date Joined Scheme greater than first status entry	14	1	4
Missing Surname	0	0	0
Incorrect Gender for members title	0	0	0
Invalid Date of Birth	9	0	0
No entry in the status history	2	0	0
Last entry in status history does not match current status	30	8	6
Member has no address	66	521	35
Missing Forename(s)	0	6	1
Missing State Retirement Date	24	0	0
Missing postcode	68	559	54
Missing Date Joined Pensionable Service	0	0	0
Total Fails	251	1,247	172
Individual Fails	138	680	117
Total Members	6,545	10,173	7,367
Accuracy Rate	97.9%	93.3%	98.4%
Total accuracy rate			96.1%

#### SCHEME SPECIFIC DATA

Data Item	Fails
Divorce Records	0
Transfer In	99
AVCs/Additional Contributions	21
Deferred Benefits	2
Tranches (DB)	686
Gross Pension (Pensioners)	52
Tranches (Pensioners)	2,984
Gross Pension (Dependants)	78
Tranches (Dependants)	88
Date of Leaving	199
Date Joined Scheme	205
Employer Details	3
Salary	258
Crystallisation	153
CARE Data	848
CARE Revaluation	1
Annual Allowance	369
LTA Factors	128
Date Contracted Out	5
Pre-88 GMP	679
Post-88 GMP	559
Total Fails	7,417
Individual Fails	5,669
Total Members	24,085
Accuracy Rate	76.5%

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