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Data Quality Overview

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Overview:

This report outlines progress made in improving data quality through targeted cleansing and validation activities, particularly in preparation for Pensions Dashboard readiness.

In line with our continued, prioritised focus on data we are actively recruiting a dedicated, independent Data Quality team, which will champion best practice, identifying data risks/issues, remedial intervention, and preventative step to ensure that data quality standards are maintained and enhanced across Member Services, Data Services and Employer Engagement.

We expect this recruitment activity to be concluding during Q1 26-27, and once concluded, we will begin sharing targeted data improvement areas like that of Pensions Dashboard and expected outcomes.

Data improvement / Degradation from Baseline:

Between Run A (28 March 2025, baseline: 87,445 DVFs) and Run C (end of March 2026, current: 46,410 DVFs), total failures decreased by 47%. This reflects sustained efforts to enhance data accuracy ahead of the 2028 valuation and upcoming regulatory milestones as shown in Fig. 1.

Data and Member Services teams have continued to review DVFs by volume and materiality. Utilising a combination of manual correction and Bulk Data Imports (BDIs), we have continued to see steady reductions (see Fig. 2).

We do not anticipate substantial progress in the upcoming quarter. Further corrective actions will be necessary as we continue our efforts to identify and implement preventative measures to address challenges with future data submissions.

Fig. 1 Total DVFs per run

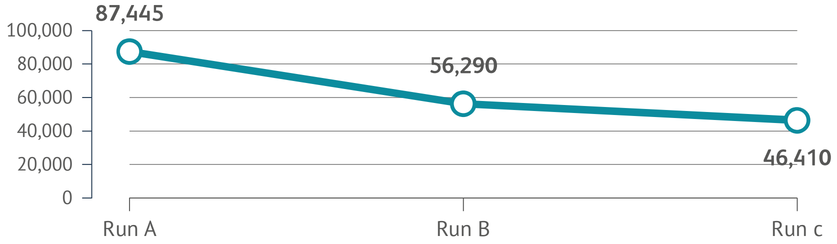
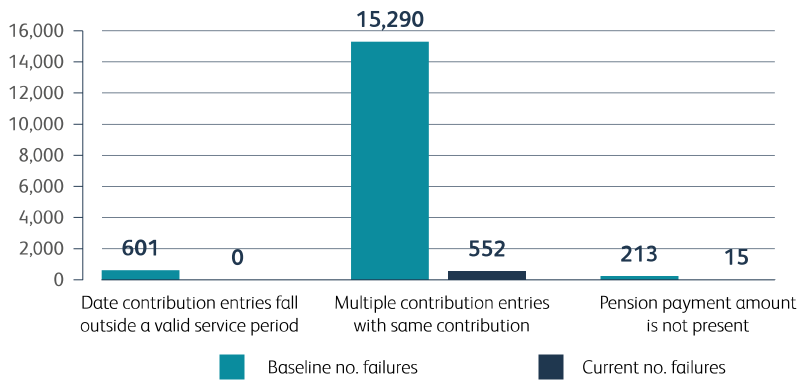


Fig. 2 Number of Failures by Data Validation Check(s)



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Pensions Dashboard:

During Q4, our team ensured continued focus on the Pensions Dashboard matching criteria. With updated guidance available, we are reviewing our approach to ensure it meets the latest requirements. The guidance updates will help schemes and administrators match members to pensions more simply, by using different data variations to match members.

For example, as set out in our previous updates, our approach was to enable a member to match to their pension(s) via dashboard using Surname + DOB + NINO. In the updated guidance, an additional option is to use Forename + DOB + Surname as secondary criteria to match a member to their pension(s) via dashboard.

There are numerous options/possibilities around these matching criteria which we are exploring to mitigate the likelihood of a “possible match occurring”, and our intention is to remain aligned to the PASA (Pensions Administration Standards Association) guidance, mitigating risk. For this update, we have continued to assume the matching readiness position for Match Made (previously known as Full Match by the Pensions Dashboard Programme) is based on Surname + DOB + NINO.

Although this guidance has been updated, we do not expect it to negatively impact the position of our readiness for dashboard for matching in a material way, as our approach to date has encompassed data quality improvement across various common data items beyond Surname, DOB and NINO.

Updates have now been completed around forenames where initials were held, unexpected special characters in names, corrections to addresses/post codes and NINOs. This has resulted in updated figures shown below:

- Match Made DVFs (Surname, NINO, DOB) decreased by 34% (Fig. 3)
- Possible Match DVFs (Forename, Postcode) decreased by 85% (Fig. 4)
- Over 98% of members meet Pensions Dashboard readiness criteria (data complete and correctly formatted)

Fig. 3 Match Made DVFs

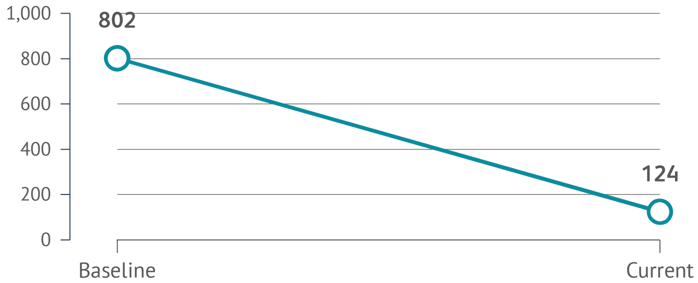

Fig. 4 Possible Match DVFs

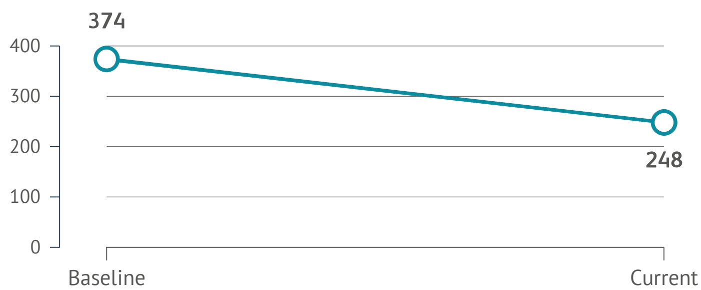

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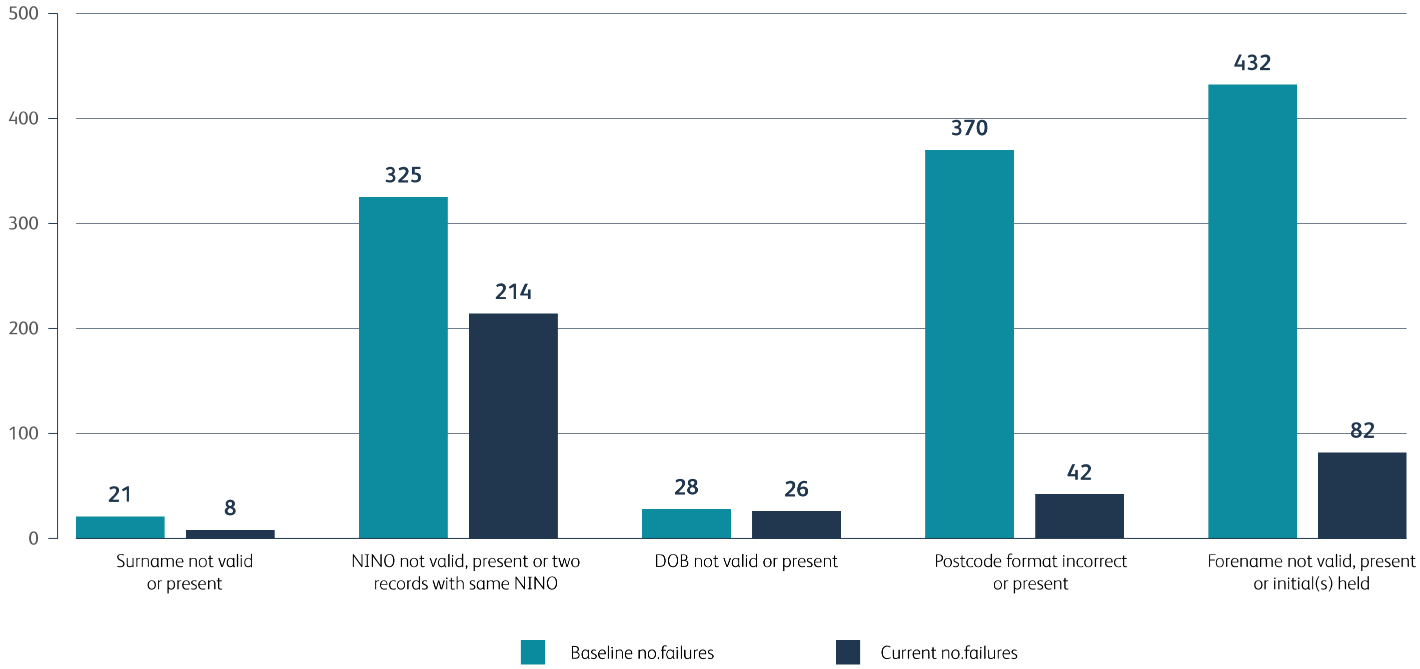
Fig. 5 No. of Failures by Data Validation Check(s)



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Detailed Breakdown

A summary of failures by Data Validation Check (DVC) shows notable improvements in several key areas, and overall readiness continues to progress positively.

Fig. 6

DVC ID	Description	Baseline no. failures	Current no. failures	Baseline vs Current	Data Summary	Critical for Pensions Dashboard
10004 10005 10006 10007	Surname not valid or present	21	8	-13	62% reduction from baseline for **Match Made** on pensions dashboard and volumes are low	Y
10001 10002 10003 10329	NINO not valid, present or two records with the same NINO	325	214	-111	34% reduction from baseline for **Match Made** on pensions dashboard and volumes are low	Y
10017 10018 10019 10020 10021 10022 10023 10024 10025 10026	DOB not valid or present	28	26	-2	7% reduction from baseline for **Match Made** on pensions dashboard and volumes are low	Y
10068 10069 10070	Postcode format incorrect or present	370	42	-328	89% reduction from baseline for **Possible Match** on pensions dashboard and volumes are low	N
10008 10009 10010 10011 10327	Forename not valid, present or initial(s) held	432	82	-350	81% reduction from baseline for **Possible Match** on pensions dashboard and volumes are medium	N

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Tracing Exercise:

We have now shared the tracing work order proposal, the scope for which is to conduct a tracing exercise for Deferred members who are aged 52+ (proximate to retirement). It is expected that this activity will be completed with Target, our appointed provider, by the end of Q2 26-27. We are continuing to work with Target in the interim, to ensure the scope and resource is understood.

Once completed, it is anticipated that this activity will improve the Common Data Score and accuracy of data held for deferred members.

We also intend to conduct these checks in line with triennial valuation thereafter.

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