

# AVON PENSIONER newsletter



AVON PENSION FUND'S NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE RECEIVING A PENSION

## Increase in pension payments for 2018

3%

There is a 3% rise in the pension that you get from the Avon Pension Fund from April 2018.

Your local government annual pension is reviewed each April and the amount of Pensions Increase (PI) is based on an index specified by the government. PI is currently based on the change in the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) in the 12 month period up to the end of the previous September. The CPI was set at 3% for this period.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) measures changes in the price level of selected consumer goods and services purchased by households. The CPI is an estimate constructed using the prices of a sample of representative items whose prices are collected periodically.

## Sign up for "my pension online"

View your pension details, including your monthly payslips, through 'my pension online'. Just go to [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk) and click on the "my pension online" logo.

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## Pension Pay Dates 2018/19



If you are paid on:	22nd of the month	9th of the month
May	22.05.2018	09.05.2018
June	22.06.2018	08.06.2018
July	20.07.2018	09.07.2018
August	22.08.2018	09.08.2018
September	21.09.2018	07.09.2018
October	22.10.2018	09.10.2018
November	22.11.2018	09.11.2018
December	21.12.2018	07.12.2018
January	22.01.2019	09.01.2019
February	22.02.2019	08.02.2019
March	22.03.2019	08.03.2019
April	22.04.2019	09.04.2019

### Tax Office Contact Details

HM Revenue & Customs  
Pay As You Earn, PO Box 1970, Liverpool, L75 1WX  
Tel: 0300 200 3300 Tax Ref: 070 EXA 100P

## The State Pension will also increase by 3%

The Chancellor of the Exchequer confirmed in his Autumn Budget last November, that the state pension would rise by 3% in April 2018, in line with the government's 'triple lock'. The 'triple lock' guarantees that the increase payable from April will be the highest of three measures - CPI inflation, earnings or 2.5%.



The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new set of regulations due to come into force on 25 May 2018. It will change how organisations process and handle data, with the key aim of giving greater protection and rights to individuals. The GDPR will replace the current Data Protection Act 1998.

### **So what's new?**

There are new and extended rights for individuals in relation to the personal data an organisation holds about them, for example, an extended right to access and a new right of data portability. You can obtain further information about these rights from the Information Commissioner's Office at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or via their telephone helpline (0303 123 1113).

In addition, organisations will have an obligation for better data management and a new regime of fines will be introduced for use when an organisation is found to be in breach of the GDPR.

### **What is personal data?**

'Personal data' means any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified in particular by reference to an identifier.

### **How will the GDPR affect LGPS members?**

The Avon Pension Fund already has procedures in place which comply with similar data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 1998. The new regulations will reinforce these existing requirements, and members are unlikely to notice a change in the service they receive from us.

We will update our privacy notice in line with the new requirements setting out, among other things, why certain data is held, the reason for processing the data, who we share the data with and the period for which the data will be retained.

### **Why does the Avon Pension Fund hold personal data?**

LGPS funds require various pieces of personal data provided by both the individual member and their employer in order to administer the pension scheme. This data includes, but is not limited to, names, addresses, National Insurance numbers and salary details which are required to maintain scheme records and calculate member benefits.

On occasion, LGPS funds are required to share personal data with third parties in order to meet regulatory and government requirements, to gather necessary information for the accurate payment of member benefits and to ensure scheme liabilities are met.

The privacy notice will set out who we share data with; this is likely to include bodies such as scheme employers, fund actuaries, auditors and HMRC.

### **Can members ask for their data to be deleted?**

LGPS funds are required to process personal data to comply with legal obligations under pension legislation, therefore, the 'right to be forgotten' is unlikely to apply to data held by LGPS funds.

### **What happens if there is a data breach?**

Data breaches are a rare occurrence within LGPS funds. However, should a security breach concerning a member's personal data occur then the Fund must inform the Information Commissioners Office within 72 hours of the breach taking place.

More information can be found in the Full Privacy Notice at [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/privacy-notice)