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2017 Pension updates

These have now all been issued. It would be helpful if you could issue an 'All staff' email using the following text:

Strathclyde Pension Fund has issued all of the 2017 Pension updates to its members

If you received a letter telling you that you can access your update via SPFOnline, bear in mind that the activation key is only valid for 14 days.

If you are an LGPS member who has not received any communication by mid September, it could be that the pension fund does not hold a current address for you, or that they have an out of date address for you.

If you move, please remember to advise the pension fund of your new address.

If you contact the pension fund about your update, they would appreciate you bearing with them if their phones are busy and whilst they work through their 'in box'.

Questions about your pensionable pay, hours or pensionable service should be directed to us: <<insert local HR / Payroll contact(s)>>.

2017 Pension savings statements

We will be issuing these by **Oct 6** to all members who had a pension input amount of £35K+.

2018 year end

Please prepare for the following pieces of **extra information** to be required in your 2018 year end return: splitting 50/50 and MAIN; splitting APCs from added years / ARCs; showing shared cost AVCs separately; and showing conts at member level.

We will circulate the year end templates for 2018 soon.

emailing us

Please limit your attachments to **10 per email**.

We've amended **our retirement forms** so that they match the order of our request for retirement calculations form re UPIN. No extra fields have been added.

If you are planning on **requesting retirement calcs for 20 or more employees** with the same retirement date, please contact one of our <u>Liaison Officers</u> rather than submitting separate request for retirement calculations forms.

Re-employment

Please review your joining and leaving on redundancy comms to ensure that the consequences of re-employment if receiving an LGPS pension are highlighted using our re-employment briefing note.

For reference

The LGPC has issued **Bulletin 161**, on its new regs website at: <u>http://www.scotlgpsregs.org/bulletinsetc/</u> <u>bulletins.php</u>

Our website's News area will shortly have a story about the **SPF Committee meeting** on 6 September.