

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) CIRCULAR SPN/LG No. 7/2016

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ACTION: This circular should be brought to the attention of Pension

Managers, Superannuation Sections and LGPS Employer Payroll Departments. You may also wish to draw it to the attention of

the Directors of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Guidance on Decisions regarding III Health Retirement under the

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations

2014.

About Circular No.7/2016:

The purpose of this circular is to provide clear guidance to those persons with the responsibility for making decisions regarding ill-health retirement, and during the subsequent review process, as required by the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

III-Health Retirement Decisions

This guidance sets out the responsibilities of the employer when they make an assessment to ascertain if a member meets the LGPS criteria for ill-health retirement, under regulation 34 of the LGPS regulations.

It also sets out the responsibilities of the 'Appointed Person' to assist them when making a 'First Instance Decision', when they review an employer's decision at the request of the member, under regulation 70 of the LGPS regulations.



It includes a checklist for both the 'First Instance Decision-maker' and the 'Appointed Person', to ensure that they meet the LGPS regulations and the requirements of the Pensions Ombudsman when making their respective decisions.

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