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Information produced by HSC Pension Service can be made available in several formats. We will be pleased to consider your request in this respect.



Martin Bradley MBE (Pictured above), has been appointed as the **Head of HSC Pension Service** and took up post on **1st October 2009**. Martin joined us with **23 years experience in Health and Social Care** and is the former **Chief Salaries and Wages Officer for the Western Health & Social Care Trust**.

'Welcome to the second annual newsletter. I hope that you will enjoy this latest issue and find it useful. We have included some important information and useful contacts for you to keep for future reference.'

'The HSC Pension Scheme remains the largest Public Sector Pension Scheme in Northern Ireland with 61,000 contributing members, 28,500 pensioners, 12,000 deferred members and for the year ending 31st March 2011 we paid £265 million in benefits.'

NHS Retirement Fellowship

If you are not already a member of the fellowship, how about joining now. You can be assured of a very warm welcome at all 13 branches across Northern Ireland. Information about the fellowship can be found on www.nhsrfni.org.uk or contact **Mr Bertie Thompson on 028 9146 9151** and he will be happy to answer any queries.

So come along and join the fun!

Rejoining The Scheme

If you retire on or after the age of 50 for any reason, you will not be able to rejoin the scheme. However, if you retired after 1st April 2008 and before 1st October 2009 you may, if eligible, join the HSC Pension Scheme 2008 Section two years after your retirement.

Child Allowance

If you receive child allowance payments from us then you must inform us immediately when a child leaves full time education as any overpayment will have to be repaid.

National Fraud Initiative

HSC Pension Scheme has a duty to protect the public funds it administers. To this end the data you have provided to enable your pension or other entitlements to be paid correctly may be used for the prevention and detection of fraud and may be shared with other public bodies.

Keeping Us Informed

You should advise us of any change of address, bank account or domestic circumstances in writing with your usual signature. This will help us to keep in touch with you, to maintain up to date records and to ensure that you continue to receive your pension.

Your pension may be suspended if we lose touch with you. We will not begin paying your pension again until you re-establish contact with us and any arrears will be paid on the next available payment date.

Pensioners Living Overseas

We will write to our overseas pensioners every year asking them to complete and return a Declaration of Entitlement.

Payment Of A Survivors Pension

If your membership of the Scheme ended before 1st April 2008, a survivor's pension will normally end if the recipient remarries, forms a civil partnership or lives with someone else as a spouse or partner. Anyone in receipt of a survivor's pension and whose domestic circumstances have changed must let us know immediately as any overpayment will have to be repaid.

Your Tax Code

The Tax Office tells us how much tax to deduct from your monthly pension by sending us a tax code. If you want to ask about your tax code or tax liability please write to:

**HMRC Enquiry Centre
Foyle House
Duncreggan Road
Londonderry
BT48 0AA**

T: 0845 302 1481

Important Reminders

Going Back To Work In The NHS/HSC

If you are retired and want to go back to work in the NHS you must let us know straight away as it may affect your pension entitlement.

Family Arrangements

Please tell your next of kin or representative that in the unfortunate event of your death they must inform us without delay so that any death gratuities are calculated correctly and to prevent any overpayment. **See contact details opposite.**

Pension Increase

In it's Budget statement on 22nd June 2010, the Government announced that from April 2011 Public Service Pensions will be uprated in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) instead of the Retail Prices Index (RPI).

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We aim to deal with any queries as quickly as possible.

Complaints should be addressed to the **Complaints Manager.**

