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# EMPLOYER TECHNICAL UPDATE

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# 1. Executive Summary

This Employer Technical Update (ETU) provides you with details of the consultation launched by the Department of Health (DoH) which includes:

- retrospectively amending the definition of overtime in the 2015 Scheme
- clarifying the method for calculating member contributions where pay reduces during a period of absence
- provision for general practitioner (GP) partners and non-GP (general practitioner) providers to update their annual certificate of pensionable profits for 2024 to 2025 to the amount declared to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) on their revised tax return.
- allow members who are affected by the McCloud remedy to revoke a deferred choice election or for a deferred choice election to lapse in certain circumstances

Within the consultation there are other technical and miscellaneous amendments to the regulations

## 2. Consultation on The Health & Social Care Pension Schemes (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

The consultation will run from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The consultation document and explanatory notes, a copy of the draft regulations and associated documents can be found at [Consultation on The Health and Social Care Pension Schemes \(Amendment No.2\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2025. | Department of Health](#)

The Department of Health welcomes any comments or views on the proposals set out in the consultation document and comments on the proposals can be submitted via email to: [modernisation@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:modernisation@health-ni.gov.uk)

**Actions for Employers** – Ensure all scheme members and other stakeholders are made aware of the consultation

### 3. Contact Us

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