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### **Further Ill Health Retirement Pension Discrimination Update**

In Circular 01/21 we sought to inform you that the Cabinet Office intended to write individually to those members who have already left the service on the grounds of Ill Health and were affected by the unlawful discrimination resulting from the 2015 Public Sector Pension reforms.

These letters have now been circulated to those affected and indicate that the Cabinet Office will be in contact with them again once the Government is in a position to implement the remedy addressing the unlawful discrimination during the latter part of 2021.

The Government's initial proposal, contained within the consultation undertaken during summer 2020, was that those who had already left service on Ill Health Retirement would need to wait until after the remedy was fully implemented before their pension would be reviewed and the unlawful discrimination addressed in 2022 or later.

In the DPF response to the Government regarding this consultation we disagreed with their proposal and outlined our belief that IHR cases should be dealt with as a matter of urgency, and not wait for the remedy to be fully implemented.

It would appear that our concerns have been recognised and members who have already retired on ill health grounds will have the remedy applied to their pension during the latter part of this year thereby removing the discrimination.

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