

FAO: NHS Chief Executives, Directors Of Finance & Human Resources, Payroll Managers, Pension Officers, Direction Bodies, all GP Practices, Out of Hours Providers, SHA Choice Leads, Trade Unions

Dear Employers/Trade Union Officials

NHS Pension Choice Roadshows

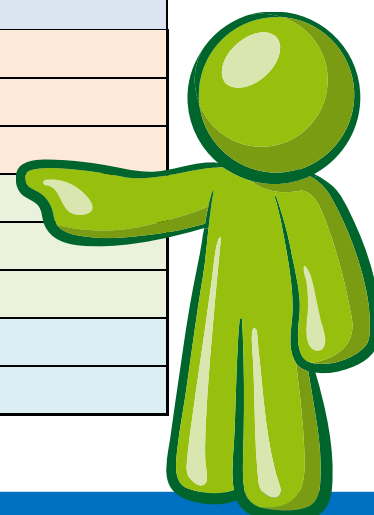
Over the next 10 months the NHS Pensions' Choice Team will be organising and hosting a number of NHS Pension Choice Roadshows for all employers and trade union officials to attend. These events will be held in each Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Region in England and Trusts and Local Health Boards in Wales, to provide you as employers and trade union officials with important information about NHS Pension Choice.

The Roadshows will provide information on:

- How NHS Pension Choice will be delivered;
- Outline what will need to be done both before, and during the exercise, by employers, trade union officials and NHS Pensions;
- Define the respective responsibilities (as central and local administrators of the NHS Pension Scheme) in conducting the exercise.

As you may be aware NHS Pension Choice is being delivered on a region by region basis. The Roadshows will be held in each area a couple of months before the first Choice Packs are physically issued within regions. The expected timetable for this is shown below:

Strategic Health Authority Regions	1 st Delivery of Choice Packs to Area	Expected Timing of NHS Pension Choice Roadshows
South West	Jan 2010 – Mar 2010	November 2009
South Central		November 2009
South East Coast		November 2009
London	April 2010 – June 2010	January 2010
East of England		February 2010
West Midlands		February 2010
East Midlands	Jul 2010 – Sept 2010	April 2010
Yorkshire and the Humber		May 2010
North West		May 2010
North East	Oct 2010 – Dec 2010	August 2010
Wales		August 2010



Attendance at these events is important preparation for all employers and trade union officials and you are encouraged to send along representatives who will be responsible for managing, administrating and supporting NHS Pension Choice within organisations. This is likely to be Pension Officers, Payroll Officers, HR Officers and Trade Union Officials in your organisation.

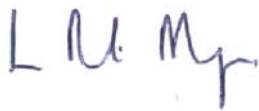
You will receive a separate invite to the Roadshow in your region approximately a month before they are due to take place. These will give you specific details on locations, dates and venues and information on how to book a place.

Therefore, employers in the South West, South Central and South East Coast SHAs will receive their invitations shortly.

This notice is purely for information, you don't have to do anything immediately, please await a formal invitation and additional instructions from us.

You can find out further information about NHS Pension Choice on the NHS Pensions website www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions

Yours faithfully



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