

Judicial Pensions Board

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on 3rd March 2021

Administration

The Board was introduced to the newly appointed Ministry of Justice's (MoJ) Deputy Director for Judicial Pay and Pensions who would provide senior oversight of the operation and administration of the judicial pension schemes.

The Board was updated on the creation of a new MoJ Pensions Operations Board which would provide MoJ senior management oversight; ensure robust governance and management of all pension programmes and workstreams and provide a clearer picture of interdependencies and the efficacy of partnership working arrangements. The Managing Director of XPS Administration attended the meeting and provided the Board with a personal assurance that XPS remained determined to raise service levels and was considering new ideas and improvements to present processes which would inform a superior model for a sustainable quality service for the future. XPS Senior Managers updated the Board on the measures XPS were putting in place to clear the backlog and restore service levels.

Government Response to the McCloud Consultation

The Board were provided with an update from MoJ Policy on the government response to the McCloud consultation. Please find more detail on the government response here: [McCloud update](#)

Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data Queries

The Head of Judicial Pay and Pensions updated the Board on ongoing recruitment to the Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme 2017 (FPJPS) and training of new team members who would be concentrating on priority areas of work and initially focussing on working through outstanding data query cases to resolve fee paid judges' data records. The Board discussed improvements to data flow processes between agencies and the instituting of enhanced data reporting methods. The Board sought assurance that the MOJ would maintain its focus on resourcing and upskilling the FPJPS data team whilst continuing to scrutinise working practices and information flows between partner agencies.

Government Actuary's Department (GAD) Valuation 2016 update and training

The Board received an update on the 2016 cost cap valuation and a presentation on the GAD valuation process from the GAD team.

Complaints

The Board discussed complaints at Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure. The Board was updated on the recent appointment of a dedicated communications specialist to the MoJ Pensions Team whose role included the monitoring of complaints, communicating with members as to the progress of their complaint and expediting complaints for resolution where appropriate.

Date of next meeting: 4th June 2021