

## **Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee**

### **Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Monday 24 January 2022.**

#### **Administration Update**

The Committee was updated by the Ministry of Justice's Deputy Director for Pensions Operations on:

- MoJ operational planning for the Future Reform Scheme and the reconciliation of McCloud data for the McCloud options exercise;
- ongoing training and recruitment within the Pensions Administration and Contract Team; and
- the Judicial Pensions Board independent member recruitment exercise.

The Committee was also advised of the current position regarding the extension of the XPS administration contract.

The Judicial Pension Future Reform Policy Lead briefed the Committee on the readiness of the MoJ Judicial Pensions Reform Programme and upon ongoing work relating to O'Brien and Miller cases. The Pensions Operations Delivery Lead provided the Committee with an overview of the data reconciliation exercise taking place between MoJ, XPS and Liberata in preparation for the introduction of the Reformed Scheme and required for the ongoing O'Brien and Miller work.

The Committee noted that XPS performance for the quarter to December had remained at above 90% and for the first week in January had reached 96.2%. The Committee was advised that recruitment within the MoJ Administration Team in Middlesbrough was ongoing and was being overseen by the Operations Manager for the Judicial Pension Schemes who was liaising directly with recruitment agencies. The Committee was also updated on XPS plans and readiness for the introduction of the Reformed Scheme.

#### **Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA) Report**

The Committee noted the findings outlined in the executive summary and requested that the full GIAA report be shared with the Committee once the MoJ had published its management response.

#### **Judicial Pension Scheme Data Queries**

The Head of Pensions Operations informed the Committee that the Data and Claims Team remained focused on processing retirement and other priority cases more quickly and upon the training and recruitment of new team members who would also be working on McCloud records in readiness for the McCloud options exercise.

#### **Pensions Savings Statements (PSS) and Annual Benefits Statements 2022 Exercise**

It was confirmed that planning for the PSS/ABS 2022 exercise was progressing at pace. A joint 'lessons learned' exercise had been carried out by MoJ, XPS and HMCTS with recommendations aimed at achieving improvement over previous years. To support the production of statements, a comprehensive data reconciliation exercise was being undertaken by XPS, MoJ, HMCTS and Liberata – the first tranche of data had been sent by MoJ to XPS and this work was ongoing.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.