

## The Pensions Regulator

### Public Service Governance and Administration Survey 2019

**This document is intended to be used as a guide to help you gather the information required for the survey. Please note, however, that we need you to complete the questionnaire through the online survey link contained in your invitation email.**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please answer the questions in relation to the scheme referenced in your invitation email. Where the scheme is locally administered, we mean the sub-scheme or fund administered by the local scheme manager.

Your responses will be kept anonymous unless you consent otherwise at the end of the survey. Linking your scheme name to your answers will help inform The Pensions Regulator's (TPR's) engagement with you in the future.

This survey should be completed by the scheme manager or by another party on behalf of the scheme manager. They should work with the pension board chair to complete it, and other parties (e.g. the administrator) where appropriate.

There is a space at the end of the survey to add comments about your answers where you feel this would be useful.

#### SECTION A – GOVERNANCE

The first set of questions is about how your pension board works in practice.

##### A1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Does your scheme have a documented policy to manage the pension board members' conflicts of interest?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

##### A2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Does your scheme maintain a register of pension board members' interests?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

##### A3. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Focusing on the scheme's pension board meetings in the last 12 months, please tell us the following:**

*Please write in the number for each of a-c below*

- a) Number of board meetings that were scheduled to take place (in the last 12 months) .....4.....
- b) Number of board meetings that actually took place (in the last 12 months) .....4.....
- c) Number of board meetings that were attended by the scheme manager or their representative (in the last 12 months) .....4.....

**A4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Do the scheme manager and pension board have sufficient time and resources to run the scheme properly?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**A5. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Do the scheme manager and pension board have access to all the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to properly run the scheme?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**A6. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**How often does the scheme manager or pension board carry out an evaluation of the knowledge, understanding and skills of the board as a whole in relation to running the scheme?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. At least monthly
2. At least quarterly
3. At least every six months
4. At least annually
5. Less frequently
6. Never
7. Don't know

**A7. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**On average, how many hours of training per year does each pension board member have in relation to their role on the pension board?**

*Please write in the number below*

....18..... hours per year

**A8. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does the pension board believe that in the last 12 months it has had access to all the information about the operation of the scheme it has needed to fulfil its functions?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**A9. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Is the pension board able to obtain sufficient specialist advice on the following matters when it needs to?**

<i>Please select one answer per row</i>	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Administration	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Cyber security	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Legal	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



**A10. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Focusing on the composition of your pension board, please tell us the following:**

*Please write in the number for each of a-d below*

- a) Number of current board members .....10.....
- b) Number of vacant positions on the board .....0.....
- c) Number of members that have left the board  
in the last 12 months .....4.....
- d) Number of members that have been appointed  
to the board in the last 12 months .....5.....

**A11. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does the scheme have a succession plan in place for the members of the pension board?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

**A12. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Has the scheme manager delegated the responsibility for making the day-to-day decisions needed to run the scheme to another person?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

**SECTION B – MANAGING RISKS**

**The next set of questions is about managing risks.**

**B1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does your scheme have its own documented procedures for assessing and managing risk?**

**Please select 'No' if your scheme relies on your local authority's documented procedures for assessing and managing risk.**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

**B2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does your scheme have its own risk register?**

**Please select 'No' if your scheme relies on your local authority's risk register.**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

### B3. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**In the last 12 months, how many pension board meetings reviewed the scheme's exposure to new and existing risks?**

*Please write in the number below*

**2**.....

### B4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**To what do the top three governance and administration risks on your register relate? If you do not have a risk register, please tell us to what the top three governance and administration risks facing your scheme relate.**

*Please select up to three options below*

- 1. Funding or investment**
2. Record-keeping (i.e. the receipt and management of correct data)
- 3. Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) reconciliation**
4. Securing compliance with changes in scheme regulations
5. Production of annual benefit statements
6. Receiving contributions from the employer(s)
7. Lack of resources/time
8. Recruitment and retention of staff or knowledge
- 9. Lack of knowledge, effectiveness or leadership among key personnel**
10. Poor communications between key personnel (board, scheme manager, administrator, etc.)
11. Failure of internal controls
12. Systems failures (IT, payroll, administration systems, etc.)
13. Cyber risk (i.e. the risk of loss, disruption or damage to a scheme or its members as a result of the failure of its IT systems and processes)
14. Administrator issues (expense, performance, etc.)
15. Other (please specify): .....
16. Don't know

## **SECTION C – ADMINISTRATION AND RECORD-KEEPING PROCESSES**

**The next set of questions is about administration and record-keeping.**

### C1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Does the scheme have an administration strategy?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Yes**
2. No
3. Don't know

### C2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Which of the following best describes the scheme's administration services?**

*Please select one answer only*

- 1. Delivered in house**
2. Undertaken by another public body (e.g. a county council) under a shared service agreement or outsource contract
3. Outsourced to a commercial third party
4. Other
5. Don't know

**C3. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Which of the following do you use to measure the performance of your administrators (whether in-house or outsourced)?**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Performance against a service level agreement or service schedule
2. Member satisfaction ratings
3. 'Right first time' statistics
4. Testing the accuracy of calculations
5. Analysis of errors
6. Complaints volumes and trends
7. Volumes of rework required
8. Assessing project delivery against initially agreed time and cost
9. Benchmarking against the market
10. Auditing administration functions and systems
11. None of these
12. Don't know

**C4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**To what extent are the following processes automated?**

**A process is automated if it is completed through the use of technology, for example through a software platform, with minimal human intervention.**

*Please select one answer per row*

	Fully automated	Mainly automated with some manual intervention	Mainly done manually	All done manually	Don't know
a) Verification and input of employer data	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Reconciliation of contributions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Reporting – data quality	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Reporting – complaints and issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Benefit value calculations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Transfer value calculations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Production of benefit statements	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Monitoring workload and resourcing	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**C5. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**What, if any, barriers do you face to automating more of the scheme's processes?**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Lack of suitable technology
2. Difficulty in integrating it with the scheme's existing systems
3. The initial set-up costs involved
4. Securing the necessary internal approval
5. Internal resistance to (further) automation
6. Lack of knowledge/expertise about how to implement this
7. Poor quality of the data
8. Other (please specify): .....
9. No barriers to automating more of the scheme's processes
10. Don't know

**C6. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**In the last 12 months, how many pension board meetings had administration as a dedicated item on the agenda?**

*Please write in the number below*

4.....

**C7. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Do you have processes in place to monitor scheme records for all membership types on an ongoing basis to ensure they are accurate and complete?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**C8. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does the scheme have an agreed process in place with the employer(s) to receive, check and review data?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**C9. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Is your scheme single employer or multi-employer?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Single employer scheme (i.e. used by just one employer)
2. Multi-employer scheme (i.e. used by several different employers)

**C10. ANSWER IF SINGLE EMPLOYER SCHEME (C9=1)****Does your participating employer...**

*Please select one answer per row*

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Always provide you with timely data?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Always provide accurate and complete data?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Submit data to you monthly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Submit data to you electronically?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**C11. ANSWER IF MULTI-EMPLOYER SCHEME (C9=2)****What proportion of your scheme's employers...**

*Please write in the percentage (from 0% to 100%) for each of a-d below. If you do not know exactly, please give an approximate percentage.*

- a) Always provide you with timely data? .....98..... %
- b) Always provide accurate and complete data? .....90..... %
- c) Submit data to you monthly? .....100.... %
- d) Submit data to you electronically? .....100.... %

**C12. EVERYONE TO ANSWER****Does the scheme have a process in place for monitoring the payment of contributions?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**C13. EVERYONE TO ANSWER****Does the scheme have a process in place for resolving contribution payment issues?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know



## **SECTION D – CYBER SECURITY**

**The next set of questions is about your scheme's cyber security.**

### **D1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Which, if any, of the following controls does your scheme have in place to protect your data and assets from 'cyber risk'?**

**By 'cyber risk' we mean the risk of loss, disruption or damage to a scheme or its members as a result of the failure of its information technology systems and processes.**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Roles and responsibilities in respect of cyber resilience are clearly defined and documented
2. Cyber risk is on the risk register and regularly reviewed
3. Assessment of the vulnerability to a cyber incident of the key functions, systems, assets and parties involved in the running of the scheme
4. Assessment of the likelihood of different types of breaches occurring in the scheme
5. Access to specialist skills and expertise to understand and manage the risk
6. System controls (e.g. firewalls, anti-virus and anti-malware products and regular updates of software)
7. Controls restricting access to systems and data
8. Critical systems and data are regularly backed up
9. Policies on the acceptable use of devices, passwords and other authentication, and on home and mobile working
10. Policies on data access, protection, use and transmission which are in line with data protection legislation and guidance
11. An incident response plan to deal with any incidents which occur
12. The scheme manager has assured themselves of third party providers' controls (including administrators)
13. The scheme manager receives regular updates on cyber risks, incidents and controls
14. The pension board receives regular updates on cyber risks, incidents and controls
15. None of these
16. Don't know

### **D2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Have any of the following happened to your scheme, including at your administration provider, in the last 12 months?**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Computers becoming infected with ransomware
2. Computers becoming infected with other viruses, spyware or malware
3. Attacks that try to take down your website or online services
4. Hacking or attempted hacking of online bank accounts
5. People impersonating your scheme in emails or online
6. Staff receiving fraudulent emails or being directed to fraudulent websites
7. Unauthorised use of computers, networks or servers by staff, even if accidental
8. Unauthorised use or hacking of computers, networks or servers by people outside your scheme
9. Any other types of cyber security breaches or attacks
10. None of these
11. Don't know

**D3. ANSWER IF EXPERIENCED ANY CYBER SECURITY BREACHES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (D2=1-9)**

Thinking of all the cyber security breaches or attacks experienced by your scheme in the last 12 months (including at your administration provider), which, if any, of the following happened as a result?

Please select all the options that apply

1. Software or systems were corrupted or damaged
2. Personal data (e.g. on members, beneficiaries or staff) was altered, destroyed or taken
3. Permanent loss of files (other than personal data)
4. Temporary loss of access to files or networks
5. Lost or stolen assets, trade secrets or intellectual property
6. Money was stolen
7. Your website or online services were taken down or made slower
8. Lost access to any third-party services you rely on
9. None of these
10. Don't know

### SECTION E – DATA REVIEW

The next set of questions is about your scheme's approach to reviewing and improving its data.

**E1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

When did your scheme last **complete** a data review exercise?

Please select one answer only

1. Within the last 12 months
2. More than 12 months ago
3. Never completed one
4. Don't know

**E2. ANSWER IF SCHEME HAS EVER COMPLETED A DATA REVIEW EXERCISE (E1=1 OR 2)**

Did your scheme's most recently completed data review exercise identify any issues or problems with the following?

Please select one answer per row	Yes	No	Don't know
a) National insurance number	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Date of birth	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) First name	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Surname	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Gender	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) First line of address	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Postcode	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Membership start date	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Membership end date (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) Expected retirement age	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) Anticipated income at retirement (based on expected retirement age)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l) Other data item(s)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**E3. ANSWER IF REVIEW IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH ANY OF THE SPECIFIC DATA ITEMS (YES AT ANY OF E2a-k)**

**Focussing just on the specific data items that you identified issues or problems with in your most recently completed data review, approximately what percentage of the scheme memberships were affected by each one?**

*Please select one answer per row  
(just for those selected at E2)*

*% of memberships affected*

	<1%	1-9%	10-19%	20-29%	30%+	Don't know
a) National insurance number	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Date of birth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) First name	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Surname	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Gender	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) First line of address	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Postcode	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Membership start date	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Membership end date (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) Expected retirement age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) Anticipated income at retirement (based on expected retirement age)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**E4. ANSWER IF DATA REVIEW IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH ANY DATA ITEMS (YES AT ANY OF E2a-l)**

**Has any action been taken to address the issues or problems identified with the data?**

*Please choose one answer that most closely describes the action your scheme has taken to date*

1. An improvement plan is in development
2. An improvement plan is in place but rectification work is not yet complete
3. An improvement plan has been put in place and rectification work has been completed
4. Rectification work has been undertaken without an improvement plan
5. No improvement plan has been developed and no work has been undertaken
6. Don't know

## **SECTION F – ANNUAL BENEFIT STATEMENTS**

The next set of questions is about members' annual benefit statements.

**F1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**In 2019, what proportion of active members received their annual benefit statements by the statutory deadline?**

*Please write in the percentage below. If you do not know exactly, please give an approximate percentage.*

.....99.6..... %

**F2. ANSWER IF DEADLINE WAS MISSED FOR ANY MEMBERS (F1=0-99%)**

**Was the missed deadline for issuing active member statements reported to TPR?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes - and Breach of Law report made
2. Yes - but decided not to make a Breach of Law report
3. No - not reported
4. Don't know

**F3. ANSWER IF MISSED DEADLINE WAS NOT REPORTED TO TPR (F2=3)**

**What was the main reason for not reporting the breach?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Not material - few statements affected
2. Not material - very short delay
3. Other reason (please specify): .....
4. Don't know

**F4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**What proportion of all the annual benefit statements the scheme sent out in 2019 contained all the data required by regulations?**

*Please write in the percentage below. If you do not know exactly, please give an approximate percentage.*

.....100..... %

**SECTION G – RESOLVING ISSUES**

**The next set of questions is about resolving issues or complaints the scheme has received.**

**G1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does the scheme have a working definition of what constitutes a complaint?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**G2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Focusing on the complaints you have received in the last 12 months from members or beneficiaries in relation to their benefits and/or the running of the scheme, please tell us the following information.**

*Please write in the number for each of a), b) and c) below. The number at b) should be equal to or lower than the number at a). The number at c) should be equal to or lower than the number at b).*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| a) <b>Total</b> number of complaints received   | .....35..... |
| b) Number of these complaints that have entered the Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) process | .....10..... |
| c) Number of these complaints that were upheld by the IDR process                             | .....2.....  |

**G3. ANSWER IF ANY COMPLAINTS ENTERED THE IDR PROCESS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (G2b>0)**

**To what did the top three types of complaint going through the IDR process relate?**

*Please select up to three options below*

1. Slow or ineffective communication
2. Inaccuracies or disputes around pension value or definitions
3. Delays to benefit payments
4. Disputes or queries about the amount of benefit paid
5. Delay or refusal of pension transfer
6. Inaccurate data held and/or statement issued
7. Pension overpayment and recovery
8. Eligibility for ill health benefit
9. Other (please specify): .....
10. Don't know

**SECTION H – REPORTING BREACHES**

**The next set of questions is about the scheme's approach to dealing with any breaches of the law.**

**H1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Does the scheme have procedures in place to allow the scheme manager, pension board members and others to identify breaches of the law?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**H2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**In the last 12 months, have you identified any breaches of the law that are not related to annual benefit statements?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**H3. ANSWER IF ANY BREACHES OF THE LAW NOT RELATED TO ANNUAL BENEFIT STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (H2=1)**

**What were the root causes of the breaches identified?**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Systems or process failure
2. Failure to maintain records or rectify errors
3. Management of transactions (e.g. errors or delays in payments of benefits)
4. Failure of the employer(s) to provide timely, accurate or complete data
5. Late or non-payment of contributions by the employer(s)
6. Other employer-related issues (please specify): ..Employers providing personal data to the pension fund for non-members.....
7. Something else (please specify): .....
8. Don't know

#### H4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**Are there procedures in place to assess breaches of the law, and report these to TPR if required?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

#### H5. ANSWER IF ANY BREACHES OF THE LAW NOT RELATED TO ANNUAL BENEFIT STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (H2=1)

**In the last 12 months, have you reported any breaches to TPR as you thought they were materially significant? Please do not include any breaches that related to annual benefit statements.**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

### **SECTION I – GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**The next set of questions is about your progress in addressing governance and administration issues.**

#### I1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**What do you believe are the top three factors behind any improvements made to the scheme's governance and administration in the last 12 months?**

*Please select up to three options below*

1. Improved understanding of underlying legislation and standards expected by TPR
2. Improved engagement by TPR
3. Improved understanding of the risks facing the scheme
4. Resources increased or redeployed to address risks
5. Administrator action (please specify): .....
6. Scheme manager action (please specify): .....
7. Pension board action (please specify): Appointment of Independent Adviser and filling of vacant posts on the Board.....
8. Other (please specify): .....
9. No improvements made to governance/administration in the last 12 months
10. Don't know

#### I2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER

**What are the main three barriers to improving the governance and administration of your scheme over the next 12 months?**

*Please select up to three options below*

1. Lack of resources or time
2. Complexity of the scheme
3. The volume of changes that are required to comply with legislation
4. Recruitment, training and retention of staff and knowledge
5. Lack of knowledge, effectiveness or leadership among key personnel
6. Poor communications between key personnel (board, scheme manager, administrator, etc.)
7. Employer compliance
8. Issues with systems (IT, payroll, administration systems, etc.)
9. The McCloud judgement
10. Other (please specify): .....
11. There are no barriers
12. Don't know

**SECTION J – PERCEPTIONS OF TPR**

The final set of questions is about your views of TPR.

**J1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

Thinking about your overall perception of TPR, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following words as ways to describe TPR?

Please select one answer per row

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a) Tough	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Efficient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Visible	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Fair	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Respected	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Evidence-based	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Decisive	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Clear	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Approachable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**J2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

Thinking now about how TPR operates, how effective do you think it is at improving standards in scheme governance and administration in public service pension schemes?

Please select one answer only

1. Very effective
2. Fairly effective
3. Neither effective nor ineffective
4. Not very effective
5. Not at all effective
6. Don't know

**J3. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please select one answer per row

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a) TPR is effective at bringing about the right changes in behaviour among its regulated audiences	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) TPR is proactive at reducing serious risks to member benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## **SECTION K – ATTRIBUTION**

**Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses will help TPR understand how schemes are progressing and any issues they may face, which will inform further policy and product developments. Before you submit your answers, there are just a few more questions about your survey responses.**

### **K1. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Which of the following best describes your role within the pension scheme?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Scheme manager\*
2. Representative of the scheme manager
3. Pension board chair
4. Pension board member
5. Administrator
6. Other (please specify): .....

*\*In this survey 'scheme manager' refers to the definition within the Public Service Pensions Act, e.g. the Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority, Police Pensions Authority, Secretary of State/Minister or Ministerial department.*

### **K2. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**What other parties did you consult with to complete this survey?**

*Please select all the options that apply*

1. Scheme manager
2. Representative of the scheme manager
3. Pension board chair
4. Pension board member
5. Administrator
6. Other
7. Did not consult with any other parties

### **K3. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**To inform TPR's engagement going forward, they would like to build an individual profile of your scheme by linking your scheme name to your survey answers. This will only be used for internal purposes by TPR and your scheme name would not be revealed in any published report.**

**Are you happy for your responses to be linked to your scheme name and supplied to TPR for this purpose?**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes, I am happy for my responses to be linked to my scheme name and supplied to TPR for this purpose
2. No, I would like my responses to remain anonymous

### **K4. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**And would you be happy for the responses you have given to be linked to your scheme name and shared with the relevant scheme advisory board? This is to help inform the advisory boards of areas for improvement and to further their engagement with pension boards.**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes, I am happy for my responses to be linked to my scheme name and shared with the relevant advisory board
2. No, I would like my responses to remain anonymous



**K5. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**TPR may conduct some follow up research on this topic to improve their advice and engagement with schemes such as yours. Would you be willing for us to pass on your name, contact details and relevant survey responses to them so that they, or a different research agency on their behalf, could invite you to take part?**

**You may not be contacted and, if you are, there is no obligation to take part. Your contact details will be stored for a maximum duration of 12 months, before being securely destroyed.**

*Please select one answer only*

1. Yes, I am happy to be contacted for follow-up research
2. No, I would prefer not to be contacted for follow-up research

**K6. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Please record your name below. This is just for quality control purposes and will not be passed on to TPR (unless you have agreed that they can contact you for follow-up research).**

*Please write in below*

.....Jason Bailey.....

**K7. EVERYONE TO ANSWER**

**Finally, please use the space below if you have any other comments or would like to clarify/ explain any of the answers you have given.**

*Please write in below if applicable*

With regard to Question I2, we have not specifically identified the McCloud judgement as a barrier over the next 12 months because we are not confident a remedy will be reached within that period. However, once it is, this has the potential to have a serious impact on the administrative efficiency of the fund for a period of time due to the potential complexities and manual intervention that may be required

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**Thank you. Please now submit your responses through the online survey link contained in your invitation email. If you have any queries or technical issues please contact James Murray (Director, OMB Research) at [james.murray@ombresearch.co.uk](mailto:james.murray@ombresearch.co.uk) or on 01732 220582.**