

# **TPR General code of practice**

### South Yorkshire Pension Fund - Scheme Assessment

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#### Introduction



#### **TPR Code Compliance model**

This report sets out how South Yorkshire Pension Fund complies with the Pension Regulator's (TPR) General code of practice (the Code) in relation to the management of the South Yorkshire Pension Fund which is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Note that the Code applies to governing bodies of all occupational, personal and Public Service Pension Schemes and therefore it is generic in nature. This document highlights all the key elements of the Code relevant to Public Service Pension Schemes and sets out whether South Yorkshire Pensions Authority is compliant in each of the Code's modules. There may be a number of requirements relating to these elements that are specifically stipulated within LGPS legislation and it is not the purpose of this compliance model to consider that level of detail.

#### Key

	Compliant	
	Compliant in some but not all areas	
	Not currently compliant	
PC	Pension Committee (or equivathe Authority in SYP	A's case
РВ	Local Pension Board	
TPR	The Pensions Regulator	
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme	
Code	TPR's General code of practice	



# The governing body

### The governing body – at a glance



**Board Structure and activities** 

# Fully compliant in 3 out of 5 modules

2 questions are red and 2 questions are amber out of 30 questions.

#### Advisers and service providers

# Fully compliant in 0 out of 1 module

No questions are red and 4 questions are amber out of 19 questions.

Knowledge and understanding requirements

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 2 modules

No questions are red and 2 questions are amber out of 20 questions.

#### **Risk Management**

# Fully compliant in 2 out of 6 modules

4 questions are red and 4 questions are amber out of 50 questions.

#### **Essential actions**

 Process manual to be documented setting out recruitment, succession planning etc (beyond what is in the Constitutions)
 24Q3 - Target end of Q4
 Consider how to better implement the Equality Scheme within the recruitment practices.DEI scheme currently under review AD Investment

scheme currently under review AD Investment Strategy lead on this - HGCS to inform on elected members 24Q3 - Target Feb 2025

• Develop tailored induction specifically focused on Chairs skills/expectations. This will also be built into specific role profiles for both chair and vice-chair.

#### 24Q3 - Target end of Q4

• Develop a process to ensure regular reviews of skills/behaviour required of Chairs. Build into annual individual review tailored to chair.

#### Comments

General consensus is to put creating an Own Risk Assessment as lower priority whilst focusing on other areas of Code, and also to allow LGPS national guidance to perhaps be released in this area

#### Scheme governance

# Fully compliant in 0 out of 1 module

4 questions are red and 6 questions are amber out of 24 questions.

The Administering Authority have selected to answer all questions within this section.

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### The governing body - changes



#### Changes since previous report (if relevant)

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#### Board structure and activities

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No RAG status changes from this review

#### Knowledge and understanding requirements

Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red

No RAG status changes from this review

#### Advisers and service providers

Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red

No RAG status changes from this review

#### **Risk management**

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#### Scheme governance

Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red

No RAG status changes from this review

### The governing body

#### **Board structure and activities**

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Recruitment and appointment to the governing body	1	Process manual to be documented setting out recruitment, succession planning etc
	Required	(beyond what is in the Constitutions)
		24Q3 - Target end of Q4
2 Recruitment and appointment to the governing body	2	Consider how to better implement the Equality Scheme within the recruitment
	Good Practice	practices.DEI scheme currently under review AD Investment Strategy lead on this -
		HGCS to inform on elected members
		24Q3 - Target Feb 2025
3 Appointment and role of the chair	3	Develop tailored induction specifically focused on Chairs skills/expectations. This will
	Good Practice	also be built into specific role profiles for both chair and vice-chair.
		24Q3 - Target end of Q4
4 Appointment and role of the chair	4	Develop a process to ensure regular reviews of skills/behaviour required of Chairs. Build
	Good Practice	into annual individual review tailored to chair.
		24Q3 - Target April 2025
5 Remuneration and fee policy	1	Ensure Contract Standing Orders articulates that the payments to advisers including
	Good Practice	independent advisers are covered as part of procurement process.
	Good Fractice	24Q3 - This is captured in the CSO's - Action Complete

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

# Knowledge and understanding requirements



#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Governance of knowledge and understanding	4	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Required	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
2 Governance of knowledge and understanding	8	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
3 Governance of knowledge and understanding	9	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
4 Governance of knowledge and understanding	10	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
5 Governance of knowledge and understanding	11	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
6 Governance of knowledge and understanding	12	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
7 Governance of knowledge and understanding	13	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025
8 Governance of knowledge and understanding	14	Develop individual training plans and skills matrix.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target end of April 2025

#### **Other Actions**

Module		Question	Action
1 Governa	nce of knowledge and understanding	1	24Q3 - Recognise LPB are keen to do more bespoke training/individual training wishes
			(already in progress).
2 Governa	nce of knowledge and understanding	3	24Q3 - Further work to be done in considering how to review and incorporate wider skills
			within the LPB (including consideration of EDI).

#### Advisers and service providers

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Managing advisers and service providers	7	Need to document and clarify who can request work and manage contracts.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Aim to progress during 2025
2 Managing advisers and service providers	8	Need to document and clarify who can request work and manage contracts i.e. improved
	Good Practice	contract management.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Aim to progress during 2025
3 Managing advisers and service providers	13	Need to incorporate a process to ensure improved contact management and regular
	Good Practice	SLA/KPIs, and better escalation processes.
	Good Plactice	24Q3 - Aim to progress during 2025
4 Managing advisers and service providers	16	Work to be done to consider how robust contract provisions are and ensure everything
		fully incorporated into business continuity plan.
	Good Practice	24Q3 - Target BCP March 2025. Contract management during 2025

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

#### Risk management

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Internal controls	3	Further work to be done in identifying single points of failure and ensuring internal controls are documented for these, as well as ensuring all administration tasks are documented (e.g. non-UPM areas). 24Q3 - Target July 2025
2 Internal controls	4	Further work to be done in identifying single points of failure and ensuring internal controls are documented for these, as well as ensuring all administration tasks are documented (e.g. non-UPM areas). 24Q3 - Target July 2025
3 Scheme continuity planning	Good Practice 2	Develop new BCP covering full SYPA operations. 24Q3 - Work has started on this to be completed by end of Q4
4 Scheme continuity planning	Good Practice 5	Further work to be carried out to get assurance on BCPs from all service providers. 24Q3 - To be progressed during 2025

5 Scheme continuity planning	Good Practice 10	Develop new BCP covering full SYPA operations. Work has started on this to be completed by end of Q4
6 Scheme continuity planning	Good Practice 11	Contingency plans for staffing shortages to be considered as part of new BCP development
7 Conflicts of interest	11	To be circulated as part of LPB pre-meet for transparency and information.

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Identifying, evaluating and recording risks	2	24Q3 - At next review, will consider any further updates required as part of TPR General
		Code.
2 Conflicts of interest	1	Consider moving to one Policy covering all, rather than having a separate one for LPB.
		24Q3 - this has been progressed ready for approval during Q4
3 Conflicts of interest	5	Looking to record details from declarations in a central spreadsheet.

#### Scheme governance

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		
Other Actions		
Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

### The governing body

#### **Modules**

#### Board structure and activities

- Role of the governing body (1)
- Recruiting and appointment to the governing body (2,6)
- Arrangements for member-nominated trustee appointments (7)
- Appointment and role of the chair (5)
- Meetings and decision-making (1)
- Remuneration and fee policy (4)

#### Knowledge & understanding requirements

- Knowledge and understanding (3,6)
- Governance of knowledge and understanding (3,6)

#### Value for scheme members (DC only)

Value for members (7)

#### Notes:

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- (4) Good practice
- (5) Mostly good practice
- (6) Partially good practice
- (7) Does not apply

#### Advisers and service providers

Managing advisors and service providers (4)

#### **Risk management**

- Identifying, evaluating and recording risks (1)
- Internal controls (1)
- Assurance reports on internal controls (1)
- Scheme continuity planning (4)
- Conflicts of interest (3,6)
- Own risk assessment (4)
- Risk management function (7)

#### Scheme governance

Systems of governance (4)







# **Funding and investment**

### Funding and investment – at a glance

#### Investment

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 4 modules

3 questions are red and 5 questions are amber out of 37 questions.



#### **Essential actions**

Terms of reference for Investment Panel to be created

24Q3 - Now developed and waiting Authority approval March 2025 - will change to yes at next review

 Ongoing reviews of AVCs to be commissioned and ensure happen regularly.

SYPA intends to become a Signatory (October 2024 submission)

 Ensure climate risk is considered from an operational perspective is consider (2025/26).
 Will be considered as part of business continuity plan during 2024/25.

24Q3 - Initial planning sessions have been initiated for BCP - target December 2025

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Comments

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### **Funding and investment - changes**



#### **Changes since previous report (if relevant)**

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#### Investment

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No RAG status changes from this review

## **Funding and investment**

#### Investment

#### **Essential Actions**

Module		Question	Action
1 Investment governance	Good Practice	7	Terms of reference for Investment Panel to be created
L			24Q3 - Now developed and waiting Authority approval March 2025 - will change to yes at
			next review
2 Investment governance	Good Practice	13	Ongoing reviews of AVCs to be commissioned and ensure happen regularly.
3 Stewardship		3	SYPA intends to become a Signatory (October 2024 submission)
4 Climate change	Good Practice	od Practice 3	Ensure climate risk is considered from an operational perspective is consider (2025/26).
l			Will be considered as part of business continuity plan during 2024/25.
			24Q3 - Initial planning sessions have been inititated for BCP - target December 2025
5 Climate change	Good Practice	4	Ensure climate risk is considered from an operational perspective is consider (2025/26).
L			Will be considered as part of business continuity plan during 2024/25.
			24Q3 - Initial planning sessions have been inititated for BCP - target December 2025
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L			Will be considered as part of business continuity plan during 2024/25.
			24Q3 - Initial planning sessions have been inititated for BCP - target December 2025

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Investment monitoring	8	24Q3 -Consider whether to expand monitoring to incorporate volatility and risk.



### **Funding and investment**

#### **Modules**

#### Investment

- Investment governance (4)
- Investment decision making (7)
- Investment monitoring (4)
- Stewardship (6)
- Climate change (3,6)
- Statement of investment principles (6)\*
- Default arrangements and charge restrictions (7)

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\* Note that for the Statement of investment principles module the Code references good practice for PSPSs. However, due to the overriding legal requirement to have an Investment Strategy Statement (ISS) in place we have not included any questions on this module but have referred to the ISS within the Investment governance module.







# Administration

### Administration – at a glance



#### Scheme administration

# Fully compliant in 0 out of 1 module

1 question is red and 4 questions are amber out of 16 questions.

#### IT

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 2 modules

No questions are red and 3 questions are amber out of 17 questions.

#### Information handling

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 4 modules

2 questions are red and 5 questions are amber out of 42 questions.

#### Contributions

# Fully compliant in 2 out of 3 modules

2 questions are red and 1 question is amber out of 13 questions.

#### **Essential actions**

• All tasks and processes to be reviewed as part of administration improvement plan

25Q4 - Some progress made - SharePoint being developed. Plan to complete by 31 December 2025

 All tasks and processes to be reviewed as part of administration improvement plan, together with an ongoing cycle of reviews and better use of performance data

25Q4 - Some progress - initial plan still in development

• As part of management information development, legal timescales will be monitored and reported.

25Q4 - Improvements in reporting information has been made - further development required linked to above

Business continuity plan being developed during 2024/25

#### Comments

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### **Administration - changes**



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ΙТ		Contributions
Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber	No RAG status changes from this review	Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber No RAG status changes from this review
Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red		Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red

### **Administration**

#### Scheme administration

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Planning and maintaining administration	3	All tasks and processes to be reviewed as part of administration improvement plan
	Required	25Q4 - Some progress made - SharePoint being developed. Plan to complete by 31 December 2025
2 Planning and maintaining administration	10	All tasks and processes to be reviewed as part of administration improvement plan,
	Required	together with an ongoing cycle of reviews and better use of performance data 25Q4 - Some progress - initial plan still in development
3 Planning and maintaining administration	11	As part of management information development, legal timescales will be monitored and
	Required	reported.
		25Q4 - Improvements in reporting information has been made - further development required linked to above
4 Planning and maintaining administration	15	Business continuity plan being developed during 2024/25
	Required	25Q4 - Initial BCP sessions have taken place
5 Planning and maintaining administration	16	Consider whether any non-UPM processes are not documented
	Required	25Q4 - All LGA changes are tracked - continued to improve in this area but more detailed review ongoing.

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Planning and maintaining administration	3	

#### Information handling



#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Financial transactions	9	Data improvement plan, articulating actions and tracking against them, to be developed
	Required	25Q4 - Improvements have been made but investigations ongoing to put the plan in
		place
2 Transfers out	1	Ensure all transfer out procedures are documented, ensuring compliance with scam
	Required	requirements.
	noquirou	25Q4 - Now yes - documentation updated, processes in place training delivered
3 Transfers out	2 a	Legal targets are still to be programmed/set up within UPM for ongoing monitoring.
	Required	25Q4 - Now yes- SLA's are within legal timeframe
4 Transfers out	Required 3 b	Ensure all transfer out procedures are documented, ensuring compliance with scam
	Required	requirements.
		25Q4 - Now yes - all checks and compliances in place
5 Record keeping	3	Data retention timescales to be reviewed (including consideration of lawfully retaining
	Required	data) and implemented
		25Q4 - Still Partially
6 Record keeping	Berrying 4	Review retention policies for legitimate purposes (as above)
	Required	25Q4 - Still Partially
7 Record keeping	17	Documenting and recording of breaches to be developed, as well as a formal escalation
	Required	process to resolve issues with employers not meeting requirements.
		25Q4 - Now yes - all actions in place
8 Data monitoring and improvement	Required	Put in place Data Improvement Strategy and Data Improvement Plan with actions that
	Kequileu	are monitored.
		25Q4 - Still partial - target end of July 2025
9 Data monitoring and improvement	4	Ensure Data Improvement Plan documents data reviews and their findings, and ongoing
	Required	actions.
		25Q4 - Still partial - target end of July 2025
10 Data monitoring and improvement	5	Put in place Data Improvement Strategy and Data Improvement Plan with actions that
	Required	are monitored.
		25Q4 - Some progress made but still no - target December 2025
11 Data monitoring and improvement	6	Ensure Data Improvement Strategy includes action/decisions relating to where data
	Required	cannot be corrected
		25Q4 - Some progress made but still no - target December 2025

**Other Actions** 

Module

Question Action

1 Financial transactions	6	Develop KPIs for supplier payments
2 Record keeping	2 a	Ongoing work to improve data and clear backlogs
3 Record keeping	5	Complete review of need to retain microfiche historical records. Target December 2024 for solution. 25Q4 - No change

#### IT

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Cyber controls	Required 1	Create a specific cyber security policy. Also carry out review against TPR Cyber Guidance which is more detailed. 25Q4 - Target Sept 25
2 Cyber controls	Required 8	Cyber hygiene guidelines to be reconsidered as part of review of these policies and documents during 2024. 25Q4 - Some progress made - target Oct 25
3 Cyber controls	Required 9	Data/asset mapping to be updated to assist in identifying any potential target areas for cyber crime. Further work to done to incorporate cyber resilience testing for third parties/suppliers. 25Q4 - Initial project meeting are scheduled - Target date Dec 25

#### **Other Actions**

	Module	Question	Action
1	No Actions		

#### Contributions

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Resolving overdue contributions	Required	Ensure a documented procedure for recording/monitoring/pursuing missing monthly schedules/contributions is in place (or any gaps in a current documented procedures)

2 Resolving overdue contributions	Required 3	Ensure any written procedure includes clear processes to identify fraudulent activity. 25Q4 - Still not met - target date December 2025
3 Resolving overdue contributions	Required 4	Ensure any written procedure includes clear escalation within SYPA, including when to report to TPR. 25Q4 - Still not met - target date December 2025

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Monitoring contributions	5	25Q4 - Investigate ways to increase monitoring, perhaps through internal audit.

### **Administration**

#### **Modules**

#### Scheme administration

Planning and maintaining administration (1)

#### Information handling

- Financial transactions (1)
- Transfers out (2)
- Record-keeping (3,6)
- Data monitoring and improvement (1)

#### Notes:

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- (7) Does not apply

#### IT

- Maintenance of IT systems (1)
- Cyber controls (2,6)

#### Contributions

- Receiving contributions (3)
- Monitoring contributions (1)
- Resolving overdue contributions (1)







# Communications and disclosure

### **Communications and disclosure – at a glance**



#### Information to members

# Fully compliant in 2 out of 5 modules

3 questions are red and 3 questions are amber out of 22 questions.

#### **Public information**

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 2 modules

1 question is red and 1 question is amber out of 14 questions.

#### **Essential actions**

Implement legal timescale monitoring within UPM.

25Q4 - No change - under review target December 2025

 Consider feasibility of reviewing all scheme member communications to meet Plain English standards

25Q4 - Still no - under review target December 2025

Review digital inclusion.

24Q4 - Some progress - action plan in progress - target December 2025

 Ensure AVC statements issued by Prudential and Scottish Widows are issued within future legal timescales

25Q4 - Still partial - Engagement with AVC providers on this is being developed - Target December 2025

• Check on whether AVC providers are meeting legal requirements in relation to the information included on annual statements.

Comments

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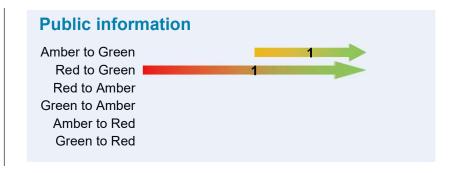
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### **Communication and disclosure**

#### Information to members



#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 General principles for member communications	1 b	Implement legal timescale monitoring within UPM.
	Required	25Q4 - No change - under review target December 2025
2 General principles for member communications	2	Consider feasibility of reviewing all scheme member communications to meet Plain
	Required	English standards
		25Q4 - Still no - under review target December 2025
3 General principles for member communications	3	Review digital inclusion.
	Required	24Q4 - Some progress - action plan in progress - target December 2025
4 Benefit information statements (PSPS)	4	Ensure AVC statements issued by Prudential and Scottish Widows are issued within
	Required	future legal timescales
	nequireu	25Q4 - Still partial - Engagement with AVC providers on this is being developed - Target
		December 2025
5 Benefit information statements (PSPS)	5	Check on whether AVC providers are meeting legal requirements in relation to the
	Required	information included on annual statements.
	noquirou	25Q4 - Process still to be set up - Target December 2025
6 Notification of right to cash transfer sum or	1	Clear backlogs and then ensure that the notifications on rights and options are issued
contribution refund	Required	within 3 month legal timescale
	Roquirou	25Q4 - Backlogs still ongoing - Target December 2025
7 Scams	1	Ensure that all scam requirements are being followed
	Required	25Q4 - Action complete and processes now in place - Change from Partially to Yes
8 Scams	2	Further training on scam management to be carried to the full team
	Required	25Q4 - Action complete and processes now in place - Change from Partially to Yes
9 Scams	4	Ensure that all scam requirements are being followed
	Required	25Q4 - Action complete and processes now in place - Change from Partially to Yes

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

#### **Public information**

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Publishing scheme information (PSPS)	Good Practice 2	Review and ensure information published meets the Codes requirements.
		25Q4 - Target end of March 2025
2 Publishing scheme information (PSPS)	4	Process to be developed to ensure all changes are made within one month.
	Required	25Q4 - Target end of March 2025
3 Dispute resolution procedures	2 a	Ensure employers are reminded of requirement to provide this information on a regular
	Required	basis.
		25Q4 - Now yes action closed as detail is covered on the website
4 Dispute resolution procedures	Good Practice 10	As part of improved IDRP reporting, ensure that the IDRP timescales will be better
		adhered to and communication with members improved.
		25Q5 - Now yes action complete

#### **Other Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

### **Communication and disclosure**

#### **Modules**

#### Information to members

- General principles for member communications (1)
- Annual pension benefit statements (DC) (7)
- Summary funding and pension benefit statements (DB) (7)
- Benefit information statements (PSPS) (1)
- Retirement risk warnings and guidance (1)
   Notification of right to cash transfer sum or contribution refund
- (2)
- Chair's statement (7)
- Scams (1)
- Audit requirements (7)

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#### **Public information**

- Publishing scheme information (PSPS) (2,6)
- Dispute resolution procedures (2,6)







# **Reporting to TPR**

### **Reporting to TPR – at a glance**



#### **Regular reports**

# Fully compliant in 1 out of 1 module

No questions are red and no questions are amber out of 3 questions.

Whistleblowing- Reporting breaches of the law

# Fully compliant in 0 out of 4 modules

4 questions are red and 3 questions are amber out of 11 questions.

#### **Essential actions**

• Ensure all breaches are identified and recorded (including administration legal timescales and late/estimated contributions)

25Q4 - Still partial - work ongoing target end of July 2025

• Ensure induction training highlights the personal responsibility about reporting significant breaches, as well as what breaches are/ensuring sharing procedure.

25Q4 - Still no - the updated policy will be taken to LPB in Q4

• Ensure induction training highlights the personal responsibility about reporting significant breaches, as well as what breaches are/ensuring sharing procedure.

25Q4 - Still no - pension officer induction to be reveiwed - Target September 2025

 Ensure breaches log is updated to ensure assessments are carried out in line with procedure

25Q4 - still partial pending review of policy -

Comments

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### **Reporting to TPR - changes**



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#### **Regular reports**

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No RAG status changes from this review

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# Whistleblowing – reporting breaches of the law Amber to Green Red to Green Red to Amber Green to Amber Amber to Red Green to Red

### **Reporting to TPR**

#### **Regular reports**

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		
Other Actions		
Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

## Whistleblowing - reporting breaches of the law

#### **Essential Actions**

Module	Question	Action
1 Who must report Requ	1	Ensure all breaches are identified and recorded (including administration legal
	Required	timescales and late/estimated contributions)
		25Q4 - Still partial - work ongoing target end of July 2025
2 Who must report Req	3	Ensure induction training highlights the personal responsibility about reporting significant
	Required	breaches, as well as what breaches are/ensuring sharing procedure.
		25Q4 - Still no - the updated policy will be taken to LPB in Q4
3 Who must report Require	4	Ensure induction training highlights the personal responsibility about reporting significant
	Required	breaches, as well as what breaches are/ensuring sharing procedure.
		25Q4 - Still no - pension officer induction to be reveiwed - Target September 2025
4 Decision to report Required	2	Ensure breaches log is updated to ensure assessments are carried out in line with
	Required	procedure
		25Q4 - still partial pending review of policy - Target June 2025
5 How to report Require	3	Ensure breaches log is updated to cover all breaches, not just those that are being
	Required	reported
		25Q4 - Moved to partially met pending approval of updated policy



6 Reporting payment failures	Required	Contribution procedures to be updated to include escalation and eventual reporting to TPR. 25Q4 - Still no - this will be covered in the breaches training (Pending approval of Policy)
7 Reporting payment failures	Required 2	Ensure breaches log is updated to cover all breaches, not just reportable ones. 25Q4 - Still no - this will be covered in the breaches training (Pending approval of Policy)
Other Actions		
Module	Question	Action
1 No Actions		

### **Reporting to TPR**

#### **Modules**

#### **Regular reports**

• Registrable information and scheme returns (1)

#### Whistleblowing - reporting breaches of the law

- Who must report (1)
- Decision to report (1)
- How to report (1)
- Reporting payment failures (1)

#### Notes:

The numbers next to the module names above set out Aon's interpretation of the Code for Public Service Pension Schemes. Please note it should not be taken as legal advice.

- (1) Applies
- (2) Mostly applies
- (3) Partially applies
- (4) Good practice
- (5) Mostly good practice
- (6) Partially good practice
- (7) Does not apply





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