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You asked

As a result of HMRC's changes to the pensions Lifetime Allowance ('the LTA') and Annual Allowance ('the AA') many of our members have left the NHS Pensions Scheme. This results in NHS Employers saving the employer pension contributions which they would have paid into our members' pensions had they not left the scheme. We have been made aware of some NHS Employers operating policies to enable such scheme leavers to apply for and receive payment of the monies which their NHS Employer would have paid into their pension in the form of employer pension contributions. The following request for information relates to the monies which you, as the NHS Employer, have saved from unpaid employer pension contributions in the way described above.

1. Do you have a policy (written or unwritten) by which one of your employees who is leaving the NHS Pension Scheme may be able to receive after leaving the scheme payment(s) equivalent to or calculated in relation to the employer pension contributions which you, as the NHS Employer, would have paid to his/her pension had they not left the scheme?

No.

2. If you, as the NHS Employer, do not have such a policy, did you used to have one or do you intend to implement one? If you intend to implement such a policy, when do you expect that the policy will be implemented?

The Trust has not at any point had this policy in place. However, potential mitigating options are being considered as we are aware that other Trusts have policies in place. At this stage, the Trust has not committed to any new policies so we are unable to confirm any timescales.

3. If you, as the NHS Employer, do have such a policy, how many doctors and how many non doctors that you employ have benefitted from it by receiving payments under it?

N/A

4. What are the policy criteria for establishing employees' eligibility to receive such payments? Please provide a copy of the policy or any other documents evidencing the eligibility criteria and rules.

N/A

**Attachments included: No**