

Scheme Advisory Board

To Chairs of LGPS Pension Committees

19th March 2020

Dear Colleague

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME COVID-19 AND RE-EMPLOYMENT OF KEY STAFF

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Scheme Advisory Board for the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales.

Today the government will announce a programme designed to encourage health and social care staff who retired in the last two years to return to work.

It is the intention that any who do so should not suffer any impact on the public service pension they receive. Some of these will be ex social workers in receipt of an LGPS pension.

The LGPS provides a discretion to each administering authority to set a policy on whether and in what circumstances to reduce (abate) the pension of returnees.

I am aware that there are some authorities who do have a policy of abating pension and if this is the case in your authority, I would strongly urge you to suspend that policy or at the very least amend it in order to exclude such staff who will be returning to assist in the delivery of vital services.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your Pensions Manager for information.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Roger Phillips
Chair of Scheme Advisory Board