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## <u>Reminder – i-Connect Onboarding</u>

We have started issuing emails to onboard Employers onto i-Connect, our new monthly submission portal, this will replace the existing process of completing and returning PCF1 and Care Return spreadsheets. If you have not been contacted yet please and wish to begin using i-connect please email i-connect@worcestershire.gov.uk

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### **Scam Awareness**

Pension scams are on the rise, and it is important to highlight to your staff the steps they can take to protect their pension from scams.

The LGPS member site uses these four simple steps to protect yourself and others from pension scams:

- 1. Reject unexpected offers
- 2. Check who you are dealing with
- 3. Don't be rushed or pressured
- 4. Get impartial information or advice

For more in-depth information on how to keep your pension safe please visit the <u>LGPS</u> website.

A short <u>video</u> was created by the Pensions Regulator (TPR), along with the Pensions scams Action Group (PSAG) which follows on from the publication of the <u>case report</u> of which 245 victims were defrauded in a £13.5 million scam. TPR released this video to educate people and make them aware of pension scams. This is a useful video to share with your staff to help combat pension scams.

Staff can also find more information on the <a href="Citizens Advice">Citizens Advice</a> website including how to report scams.

## **Employer Role Training**

There is one more Employer Role Training session left of this year which is being held by the LGPS on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This will be held both online and in person, please email <a href="mailto:training.lgps@local.gov.uk">training.lgps@local.gov.uk</a> to enquire about booking on.

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#### **Pension Board and Committee**

Papers for the Committee meeting on 10 October are now available to view via our website.

Papers for the Board meeting on 19 November that will feed into the Pensions Committee meeting of 12 December will shortly be available via our website.

## **Our forms and Excel spreadsheets**

Please make sure that you always check our website's Employer forms and Excel spreadsheets page for the dates of the latest versions before using saved versions.

Contact Us: pensions@worcestershire.gov.uk

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