

## **NI Teachers' Pension Scheme (NITPS)**

# Consultation on Transitional Arrangements

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## What is the consultation about?

- The Department of Finance (DoF) is currently consulting on proposals to fix age related discrimination identified in the transitional arrangements of the 2015 public service pension reforms.
- **The consultation, including how to respond, is available at <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-proposed-changes-transitional-arrangements-2015-schemes>.**
- This consultation will come to an end on 18 November 2020, and we encourage you to have your say.
- **Individuals do not need to make any decisions on their own pension arrangements at this point**, DoF is simply seeking your views on the best way to remove the discrimination.

## What does the consultation say?

- The consultation explains that under **both proposals** affected individuals **will receive a choice** of which pension scheme they would prefer to be in for the period in which the discrimination took place; this is between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022.
- The consultation is seeking views on when members should be given that choice.
- The proposals set out that this will either be **shortly after implementation (i.e. from 2022 onwards) or when individuals reach retirement**. Further details of both options including the advantages and disadvantages of both are set out in the consultation.

## What happens from 2022 onwards?

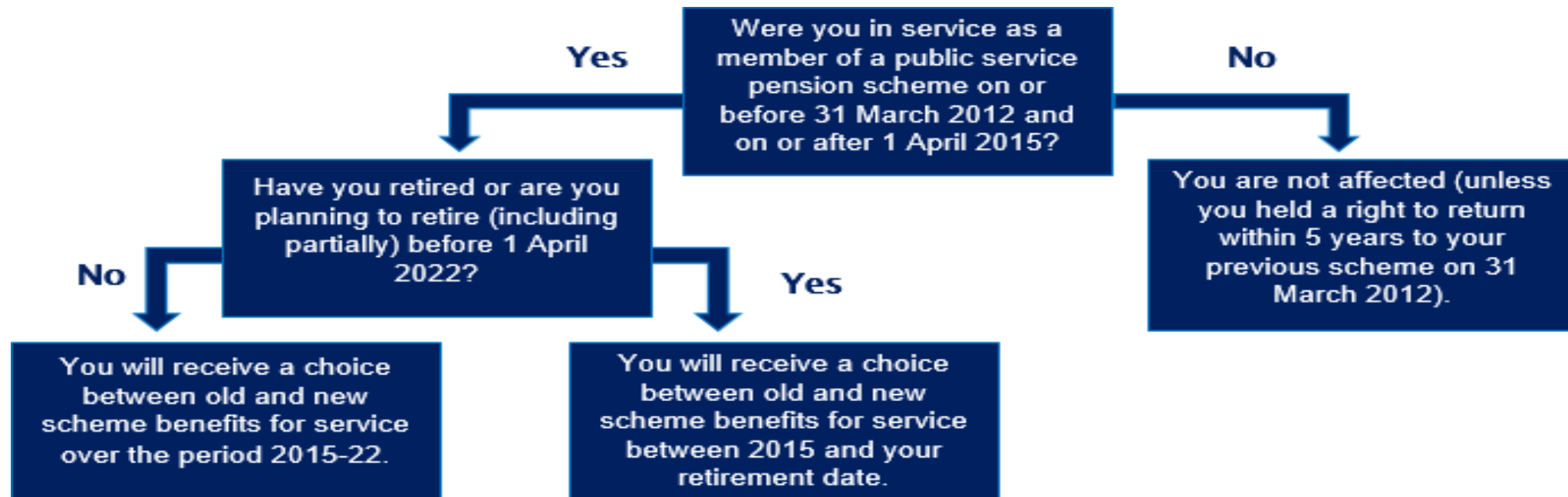
- After 2022, **all** members will automatically be moved into the reformed schemes regardless of their age.

### Timeline



## Who is affected?

- Anyone can respond to the consultation, but DoF especially encourages those who are affected to share their views.
- To help individuals understand whether they are affected by these changes, the diagram below sets out the criteria.



## What happens next?

- Once the consultation closes on the **18 November 2020**, DoF will consider all responses and **publish its response** in due course.
- Please be assured that if you are a member who is already being affected by this, i.e. retired, part retired, or suffering ill-health, your case will be prioritised. The NITPS will be in contact with members as soon as cases can be processed.

## Where can I find more information?

### The consultation

- The consultation, including how to respond, is available at <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-proposed-changes-transitional-arrangements-2015-schemes>.
- A set of frequently asked questions (FAQs), for members of the NITPS, are available on the Department of Education website at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/transitional-protection-arrangements-consultation>.

### NITPS

- General information about the NITPS, including member factsheets, is available on the Department of Education website at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/topics/teaching-staff/pension-scheme>.