

The Pensions Regulator (TPR) - Data Quality Results 2021 and Summary Data Improvement Plan (DIP)

Common Data results

The overall Common Data TPR score for 2022 is 96.8% compared to a score in 2021 of 97.1% (a decrease of 0.3%)

A breakdown of scores for each data category within the 'Common' data definition are shown in the table below

TPR score 2021	TPR score 2022	Data category	Comments	DIP Follow-up Action	Target Date
99.9%	99.9%	NI Number	There are a residual number of historic records where the member no-longer has an interest in the Fund (i.e. they have opted out, transferred their pension to another scheme, or died) where there are temporary NI numbers or NI numbers that are incorrect in format. These records account for the small percentage that is preventing 100% of the TPR score being met.	199 records have been identified which count towards the TPR data score, a reduction in the number of cases reported in 2021. Some further analysis of these records is required.	31 December 2023
100%	100%	Name	No comment	Maintain 100% accuracy	ongoing
100%	100%	Sex and Date of Birth	No comment	Maintain 100% accuracy	ongoing
100%	100%	Date commenced and normal retirement date	No comment	Maintain 100% accuracy	ongoing
100%	100%	Scheme status	No comment	Maintain 100% accuracy	ongoing
97.1%	95.1%	Address	There has been a noticeable decrease in cases not passing this test compared to 2021. The reason the score is less than 100% is mainly	In 2022 the Fund planned to engage an external tracing agency to search for missing addresses and following this to update member records where	Ongoing with Tracing Exercise completed by

			<p>due to a significant number of members with deferred benefits who have not notified their change of address details after leaving the Pension Fund. This is a common issue across all Local Authority Pension Funds.</p>	<p>the search had successfully found a current address.</p> <p>Due to resource demands on the section to complete the 2022 Actuarial Valuation and also the expiry of the Data Tracing (Member Data Services) on the national LGPS Framework, progress was halted in this area.</p> <p>Member address verification is now being considered in the wider context of the “Data Readiness” project to comply with on boarding to the National Pensions Dashboard.</p>	<p>31 March 2024</p>
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The Pensions Regulator (TPR) - Data Accuracy Results 2022 and Summary Data Improvement Plan (DIP)

Scheme Specific Data results

The overall Scheme Specific data TPR score for 2022 is 96.35% compared to a score in 2021 of 96.3% (an improvement of 0.05%)

A breakdown of scores for each Data category within the 'Specific' data definition are shown in the table below

TPR score 2021	TPR score 2022	Data category	Comments	DIP Follow-up Action	Target Date
99.9%	99.5%	Member Benefits	Data quality standards in this area have been largely consistent with a slight decrease mainly due to technical issues with the way data has been historically recorded.	Some areas notably the format of some transfer in records need further investigation and potential maintenance to member records in accordance with the Fund's Data Correction Plan	31 March 2024
99.8%	99.5%	Member Details	Data quality standards in this area have been largely consistent with a slight decrease in some areas	Further investigation is required however the issue appears to be connected to employers not providing timely termination information for casual contracts where the scheme member is no longer working in post.	31 March 2024
95.3%	96.1%	CARE Benefits	There has been a notable improvement in records passing this test since 2021. There will always be cases where a member joins at the very end of a financial year and will only receive CARE pay in the following year. This will appear on data report as missing data and be reflected in the	Improvements this year were largely the result of additional data correction work required for the 2022 Actuarial Valuation. Going forwards, the Fund's objective is to continue the implementation programme for i-Connect with the target for all scheme employers, to fully comply with monthly electronic	ongoing

			percentage score despite the record being correct.	transfer of CARE data at the earliest opportunity.	
100%	98.6%	HMRC	Data quality standards have decreased slightly in this area since 2021.	Issues identified are technical and appear to mainly relate to the Annual Allowance and Benefit Crystallisation records. The significant increase in these types of case may also be connected to a change in reporting parameters as 2022 is the first year the TPR compliance report has been produced using the “Insights” reporting tool.	Ongoing
95.2%	96.5%	Contracted Out	This area has shown an improvement since 2021 however further work is required to fully align HMRC data with that held on the Altair database.	<p>The improvement in this area has been the result of additional work on the GMP reconciliation project and training across the section on the importance of maintaining GMP records correctly.</p> <p>The final stage of the GMP load to match HMRC records will take place during 2023 as the module to upload data will not be available after the end of the calendar year. As a result, a further improvement in this area is expected.</p>	31 December 2023