

## Member Options – A valuable Option or Member Exploitation? 2019 Update

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## **Choice – good or bad?**

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#### Choice – good or bad?



























#### Food envy!







#### **Choice – finding the right balance**

- Overall there is no question that some choice is better than none
- But it doesn't follow necessarily that more choice is better than some choice
- There is a **balance**



 Largely depend on what information we're given as we make those choices





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# Why now?

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#### **Budget – 19 March 2014**







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#### FREEDOM & CHOICE

"Pensioners will have complete freedom to draw down as much or as little of their pension pot as they want, anytime they want.

No caps. No drawdown limits.

Let me be clear. No one will have to buy an annuity." INFORMATION

An individual, who wants to transfer away from a defined benefit scheme must take advice from a professional financial adviser





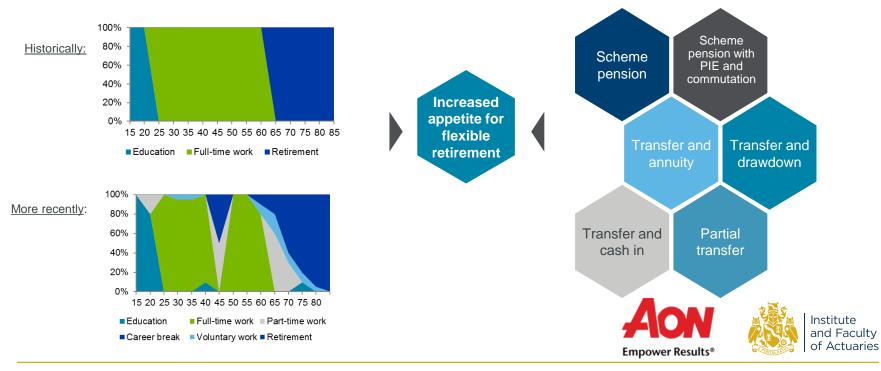
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#### **Member Options – suitable for all parties**

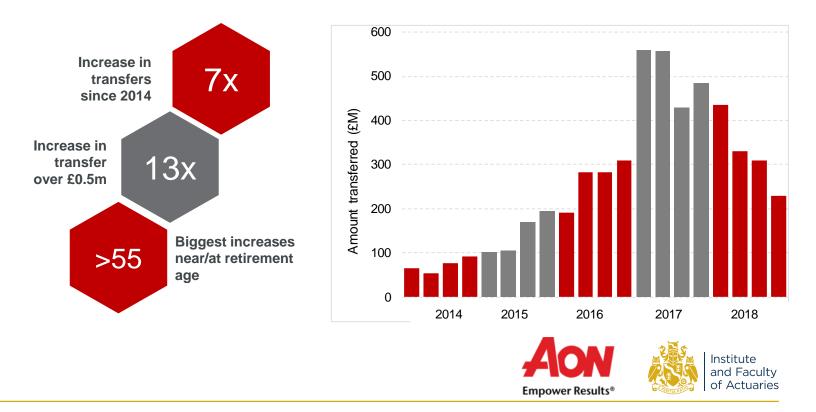
	Trustee 🖞	Members 🙌	Company 🖉
Choice and flexibility	✓	✓	✓
Benefits that better suit the member's circumstances	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Help to make a complex decision		✓	
Better member outcomes through supported decisions	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Improved terms and options	$\checkmark$	✓	
Manage reputational and governance risk	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Reduced risk of 'pension scams'		✓	
Improved funding position	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Risk reduction	✓		✓
Accelerate progress to buy-out / long-term funding target	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Doing the right thing for members	✓		✓
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#### **Flexible retirement from DB schemes**

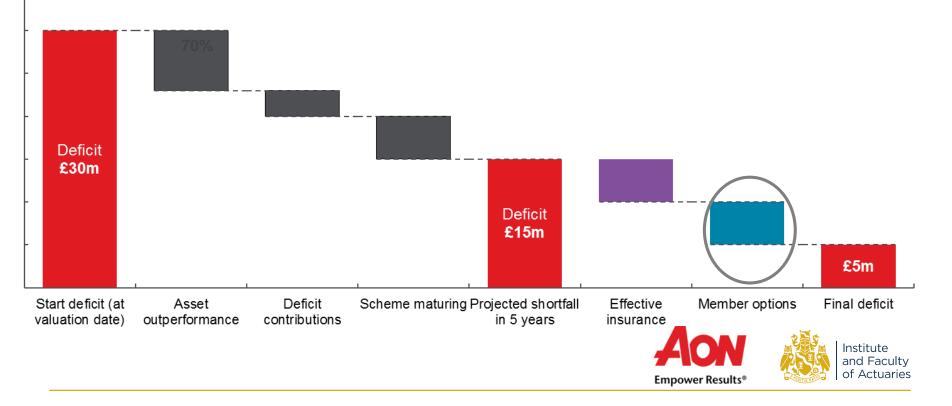
Illustration of changes to demographics and the typical working life Changes to legislation aka 'Freedom and Choice'



#### **Transfer value experience**



#### **Getting to your long term objective**

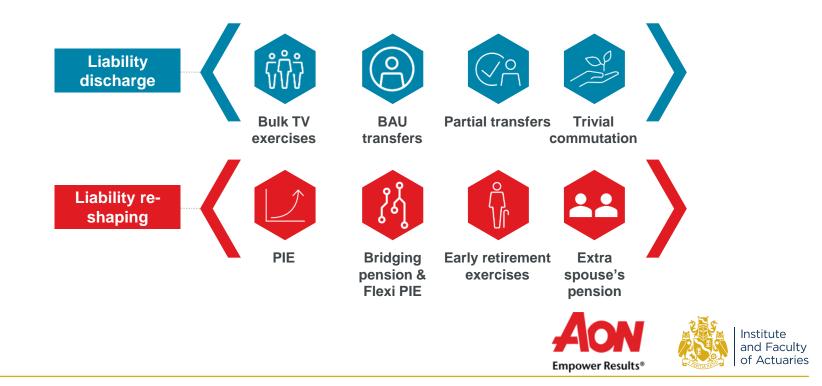




## What options are available?



#### What are others doing? A range of options on offer



#### The transfer option from the member's perspective

Example retirement options for a 'typical' scheme member

Retirement option	Details	Annual pension	Tax-free cash	Drawdown pot / cash fund
Scheme pension	RPI(0,5) increasing, joint-life	4,900	32,700	-
Transferring to purchase an annuity	Fixed 3% p.a. increasing, joint-life	4,900	61,800	-
	Flat, joint-life	8,200	61,800	-
	Flat, single-life	8,700	61,800	-
	Flat, single life, smoker	9,900	61,800	-
Drawdown option		-	61,800	185,200

Source: Example from a recent exercise. Figures shown are for a male aged 60; pension of £6,000 p.a. (before any PCLS) which will increase in retirement by RPI max 5% p.a.; CETV of £247,000; commutation factor applicable to the member's pension is 30:1

- Swap RPI-linked pension increases for fixed increases and double tax-free cash
- Alter the form of the pension (e.g. no increases or single life) to **boost income** further
- Full flexibility through the drawdown option





# Member support and insight into the IFA market



### Levels of member support



#### Reactive

Issue statutory information only, provide information on member request



#### **Broadcast**

Flag option to transfer in generic communications, no numbers or member specifics



#### Personal

Include transfer value figure in the retirement pack



#### Advisory

Use technology to offer additional education and guidance and / or support members with paid for IFA advice or put in place a preferred IFA firm



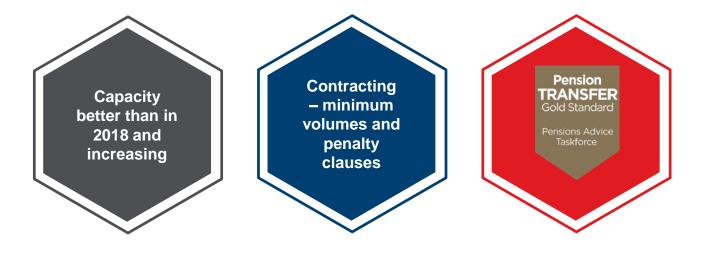
#### What does full support look like?

Member support spectrum



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#### **IFA** market update



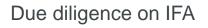


# Why appoint a preferred IFA



#### Improve member experience







Quality of advice



Cost of advice / value for money



Reduce administration burden



Remove a barrier to transfers





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# **Hot topics**

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#### **GMP** equalisation

- Exercises are going ahead as planned
- Either update to equalised TVs or top up later
- IFAs want to compare "apples with apples"
- PIE can proceed, recommend keeping options open in communications



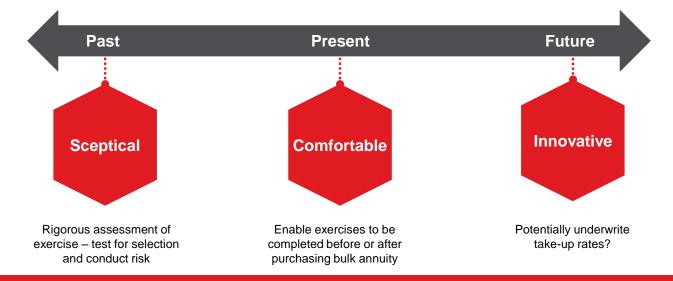


#### **Partial Transfers**





#### Liability settlement – considering member options with annuities Insurers view of member options exercises



Insurers have recognised that member options exercises are now mainstream and a core part of the de-risking toolkit







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