





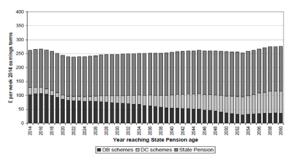


The pensions landscape



4.3 Help people to make proper provision for their retirement

Chart 1: Weekly mean amounts of pension, by pension type and year reach State Pension age, as a 5 year moving average



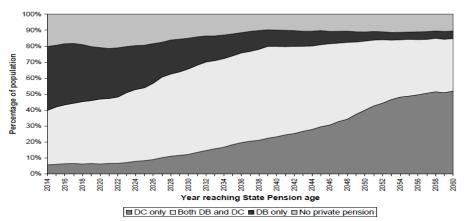
- Average pension income is £270 per week (£14,000 per annum)
- Increasing amount coming from defined contribution pensions
- People need:
 - greater personal responsibility
 - knowledge of investments
 - other savings ISAs?



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How important are defined contribution pensions?

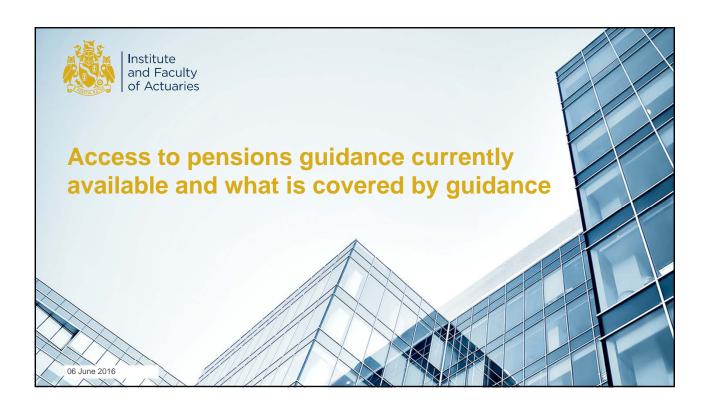
Chart 3: Private pension provision by year reaching State Pension age, as a 5 year moving average $\frac{1}{2}$

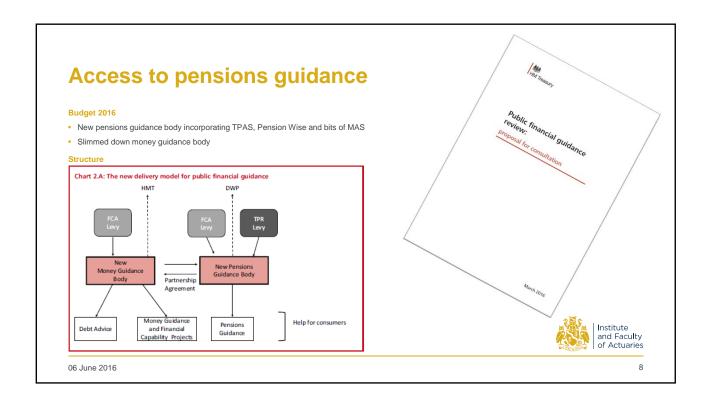


Source: DWP Pensioner income projections March 2015

6Freedom & Choice. Or a free for all?

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What is covered by pensions guidance?

TPAS current offering

- · Pensions is the core subject matter
- · Covers State pension
- Also discuss other savings and debt & benefits issues

What guidance does

- · Gets people started
- Helps them understand what they have and the questions to ask
- It is **personalised** and much more than information

Key features

- Independent and impartial can get closer to the "choose and buy"
- Delivered by specialists
- Value for money

Result of guidance

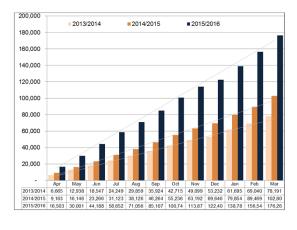
- Customer may feel able to self serve
- Customer may realise why they need advice
- · Customer will be more informed



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TPAS experience



- 71% growth in number of customers
- Budget of £6.4m and cost per direct customer £36
- Questions longer and more complex
- Lots achieved but more to be done......

Aim needs to be making seeking guidance on retirement income the $\underline{\text{social norm}}$



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Customer insight: top concerns since April 2015

- 1. Suitable products not available
- Provider or scheme restrictions
- 3. Managing of customers' expectations
- 4. Unclear communication of process
- 5. Problems with access to advice





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People struggle with pensions

- ...find them complex, difficult to understand.
- People don't understand whether they have DB or DC pension.
- People don't check how much pension they have saved.
- A lot of problems in tracing old pensions.
- Don't understand or read provider communications.



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Working together

Customer insight

- Most likely trigger point of retirement this is too late
- 17% start of retirement saving also an important trigger
- 16% introduction of pension freedoms
- 0.5% enquiries triggered by provider communications

Working together examples

- Provider invitation for 15 minute conversation
- Workplace supporting customers as scheme changes or De-risking
- Workplace additional support for more holistic conversation
- However...traditional workplace support no longer relevant.

Benefits of working together

- · Increase customer trust by suggesting that seek further help from independent body
- · Help where customer is struggling e.g. IDR and scams





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Benefits of mediation service Pre warning For a simple customer Independent view - ~60% of complaints received by TPAS are 1st party issues **Pensions** iourney, there should be one place to go to for all help guidance Early intervention with your pension Cost – 93% of cases resolved through mediation Discuss systemic problems – set up systems for multiple complaints Complaint / Information & dispute guidance ADR - Time starts on receipt with Ombudsman IDR required 1st party **Mediation service** Where mediation is unlikely to be successful, TPAS will help the customer take its case to Pensions Ombudsman or Financial Ombudsman TPAS can help, comment and advise on a complaint at any time. This is important as some complainants, especially those who are vulnerable, struggle to put their case to the pension scheme/provider. Misunderstandings can be cleared up where the customer does not have a valid complaint This is dealt with by the helpline speaking or writing to the customer Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Final messages

Ageing society

- Desired policy outcome people make proper provision for their retirement
- Make pensions guidance the social norm

Future issues

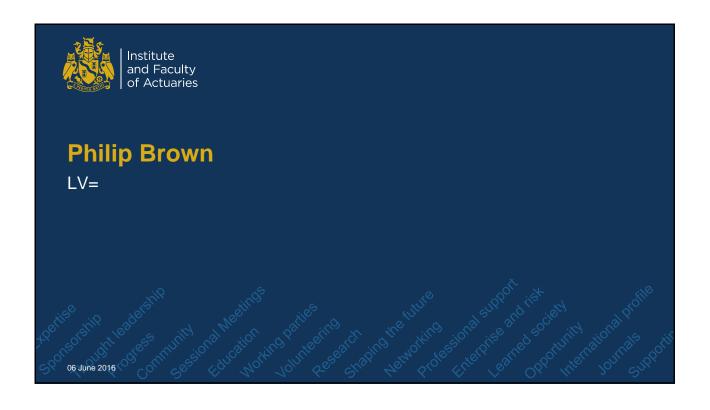
- People don't know what they don't know
- 50 somethings DC pension will be significant part of their retirement income
- Pensions have a long tail and are not becoming simpler e.g. LISA
- · No experience of being a consumer of pensions

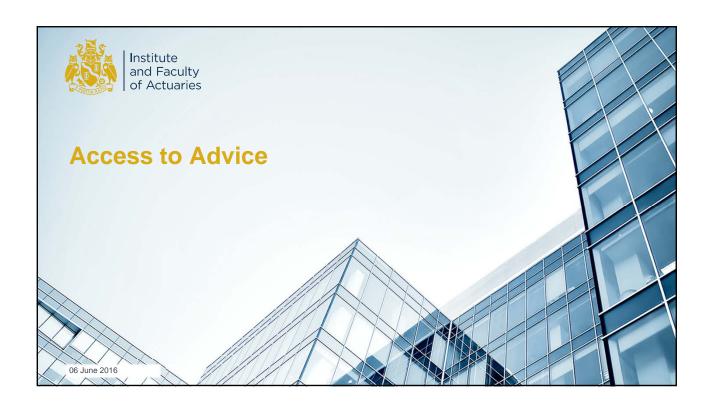
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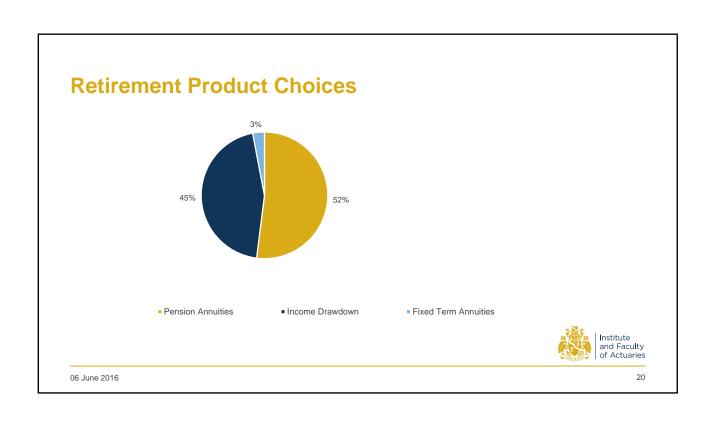
- Guidance empowers the customer
- Empowered customer is likely to engage more
- · Leading to trust in pensions

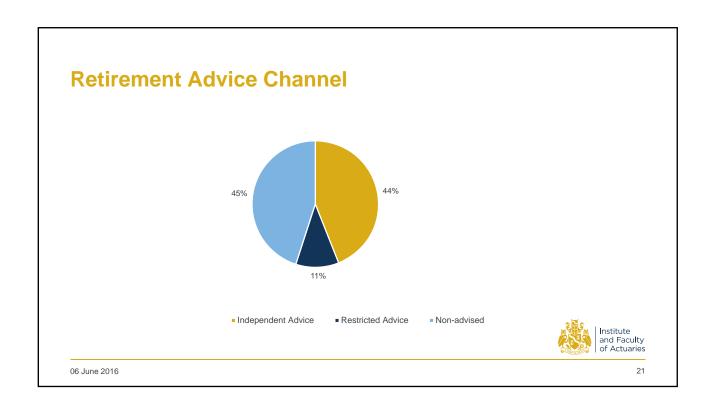


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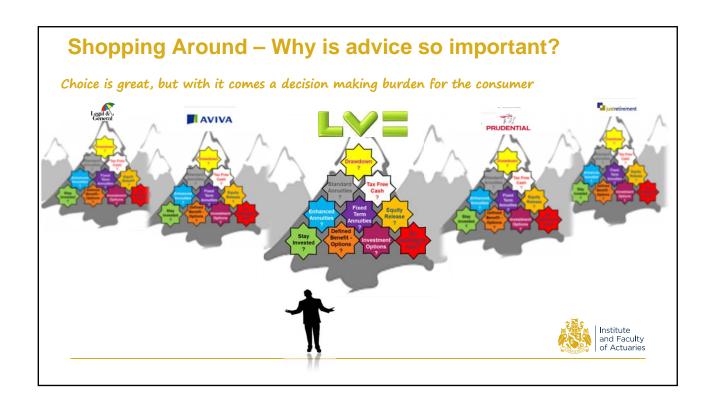




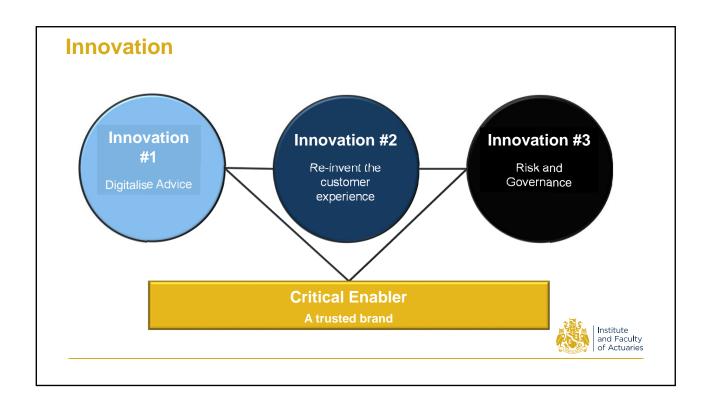




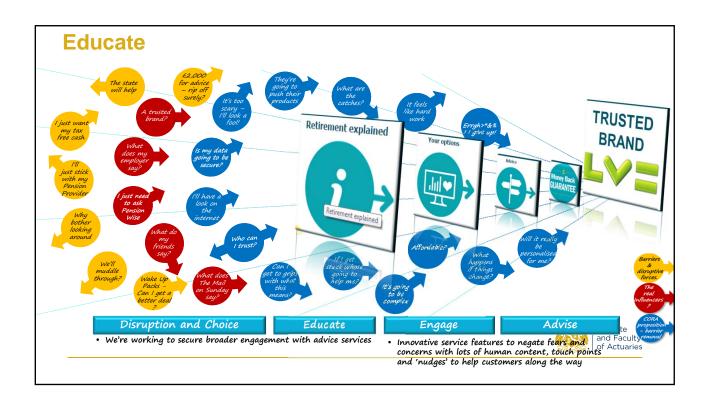


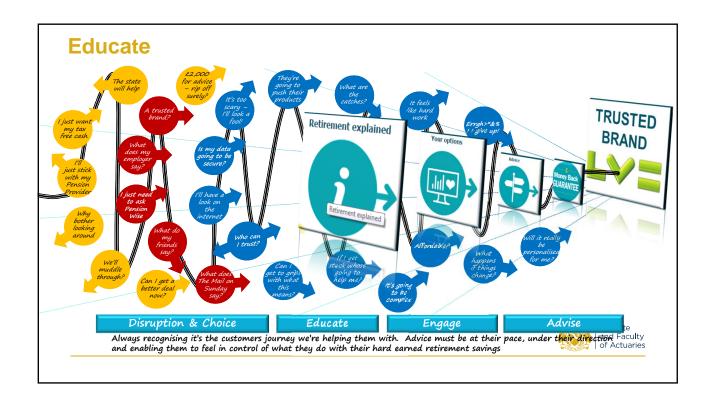


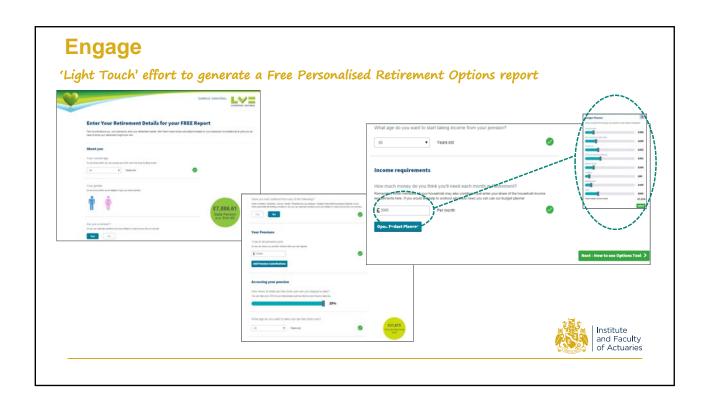


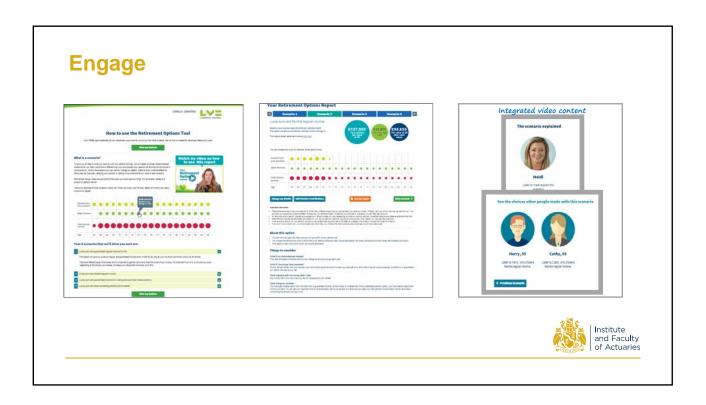






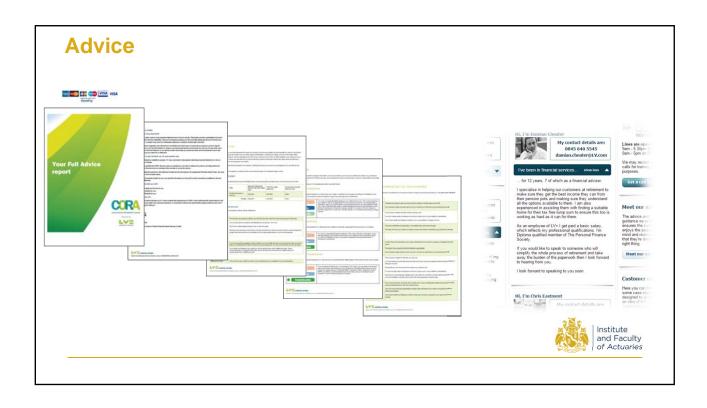


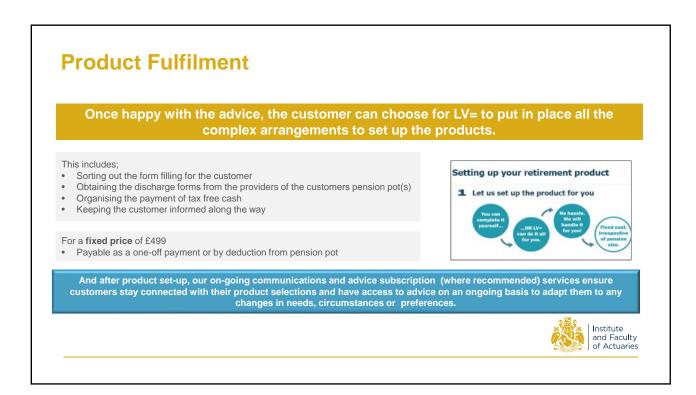


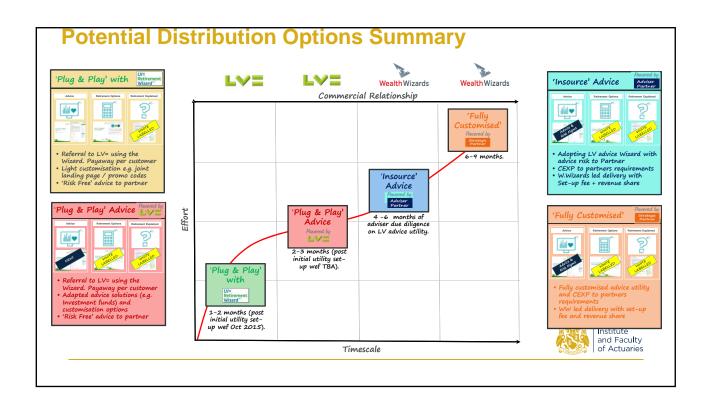


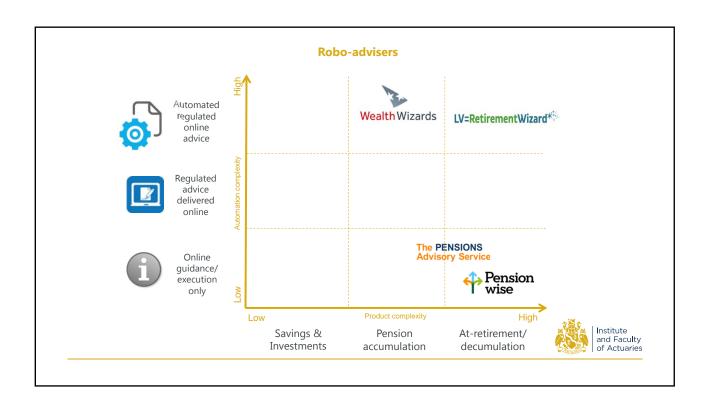












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