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Better data = Better valuations

Medical underwriting in pensions

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Agenda

- What is medical underwriting
- MUBA - Bulk Annuities
 - How it works
- MUMS – Mortality Studies
- Case studies
- Results
- Summary



Background

Expert underwriting & claims management services for Life & Pension industries



What is Medical Underwriting?

- Mortality prediction based on medical studies
 - Condition, lifestyle
- Summarised in underwriting manuals
- Mature in Life Insurance
- Predicting forward



Use of Medical Underwriting in Pensions

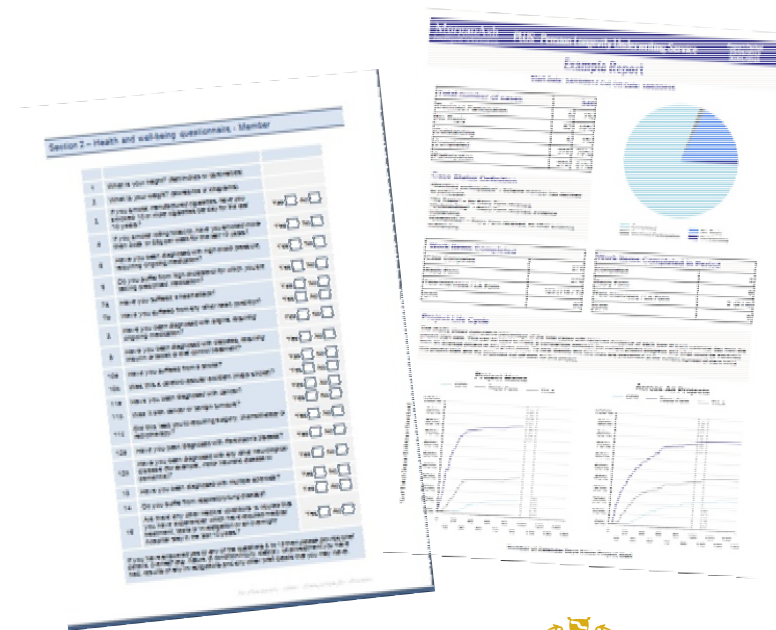
Actual current health status better prediction of mortality than postcode & assumptions

- Individual annuities
- 2013
 - MUBA – Bulk Annuities
 - MUMS – Mortality Studies



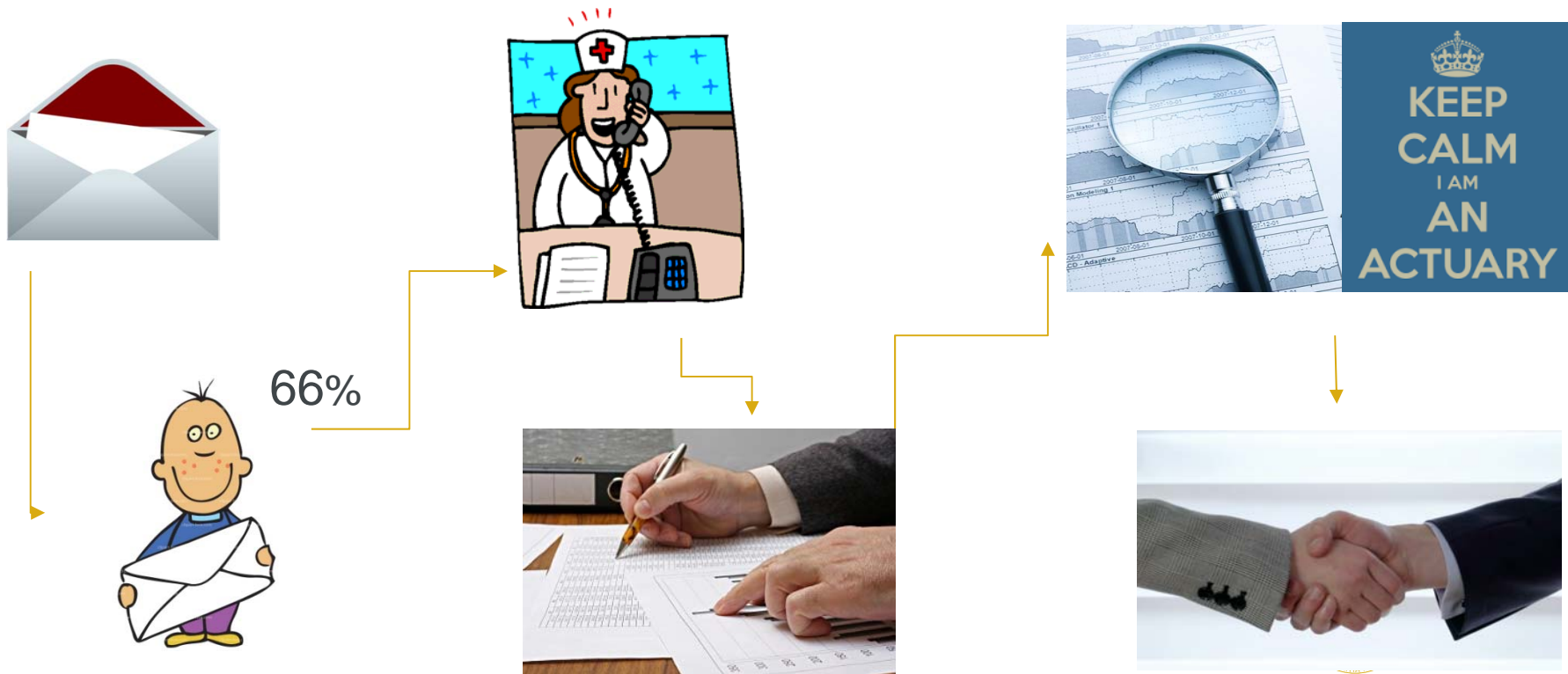
MUBA – Medically Underwritten Bulk Annuity

- Buy-out or buy in
- Independent trusted service
- Operate tender process



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How it works



MUBA - Case Study



RETHINK RETIREMENT



- Scheme £8.5M
- Pensioners targeted £5.3M
- No. of scheme members 51
- Result
 - Tender price £4.8M
 - Saving 8.3%

“The MorganAsh process of contacting scheme members went very well... We received a good reduction from the insurers which enabled us to pursue a buy in transaction, thus de-risking our scheme.”

Howard Jones



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4 Bucket approach

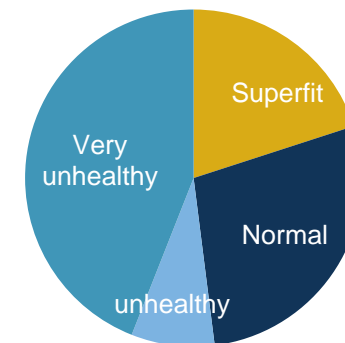


MUMS - Case Study



- Largest timber mills in the UK £40M
- Deficit £12M
- Proportion of pensioners £27M
- No. of pensioners 25
- Result
 - Revaluation pensioners £22M
 - Potential saving £5M
 - Agreed saving £2.3M

Health of scheme members



"The outcome showed a reduction in liability due to mortality of some £5m compared to the scheme actuary's assumptions for this £40m scheme."

H Jones Chief Financial Officer BSW Timber Limited.



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MUMS - Case Study - Publisher



- Scheme £500M
- Deficit £100M
- No. of pensioners 550
- Result
 - Revaluation £450M
 - Saving £50M
 - Share price rise 12%



Johnston Press reduces its pension scheme deficit by £50m

Regional newspaper publisher's liability stood at £90m



Ashley Highfield, Johnston Press chief executive, plans sell-off. Photo



MUMS – Case study - healthy

- Financial services company £60M
 - White collar execs
 - People 113
 - Average pension income £40K
- Result
 - Participation rate 70%
 - Improved valuation £57M
 - **Saving** **£5 %**

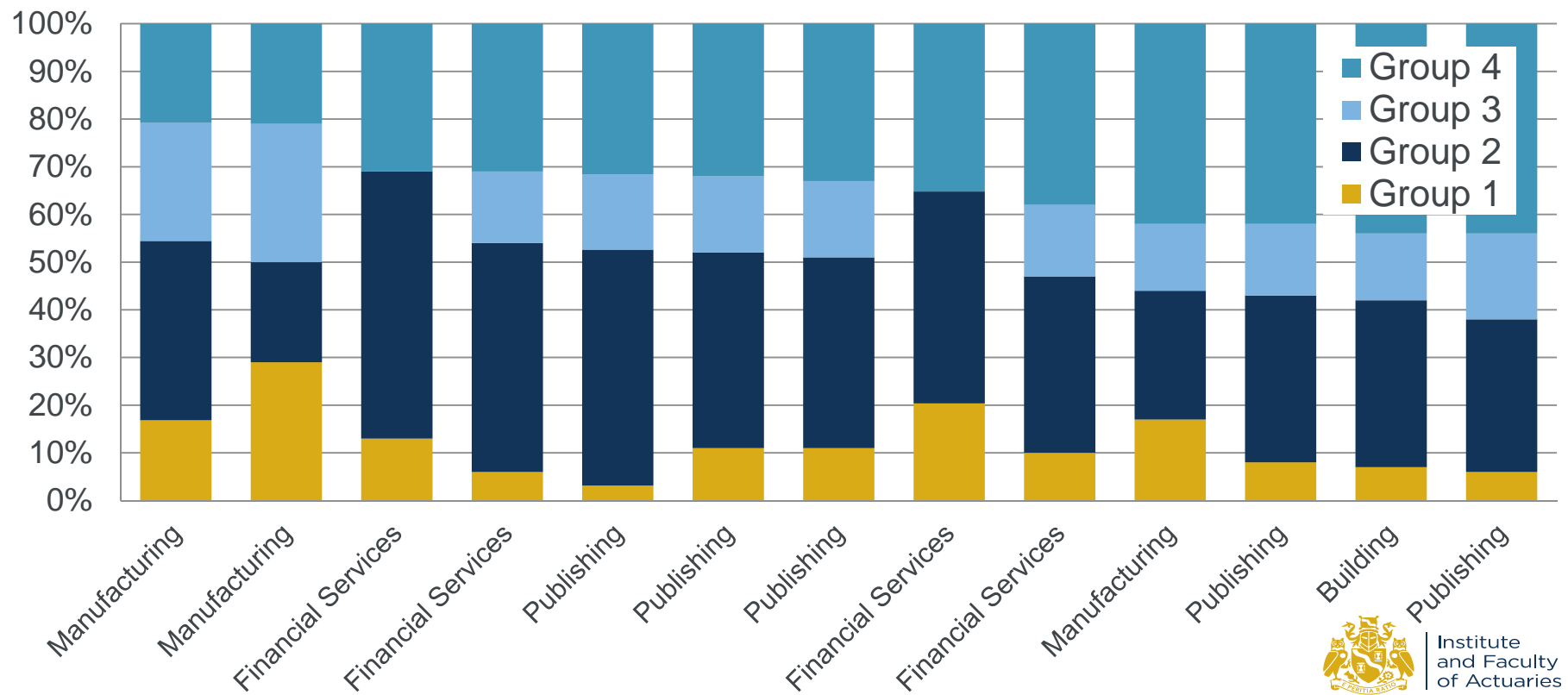
“The original valuation assumed all lives were healthier than standard SAPS due to their wealth. Actual health data and underwriting proved this assumption to be incorrect.”

“The general observation that wealth correlates to health does not necessarily apply to smaller cohorts.”



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MUMS - Results across projects

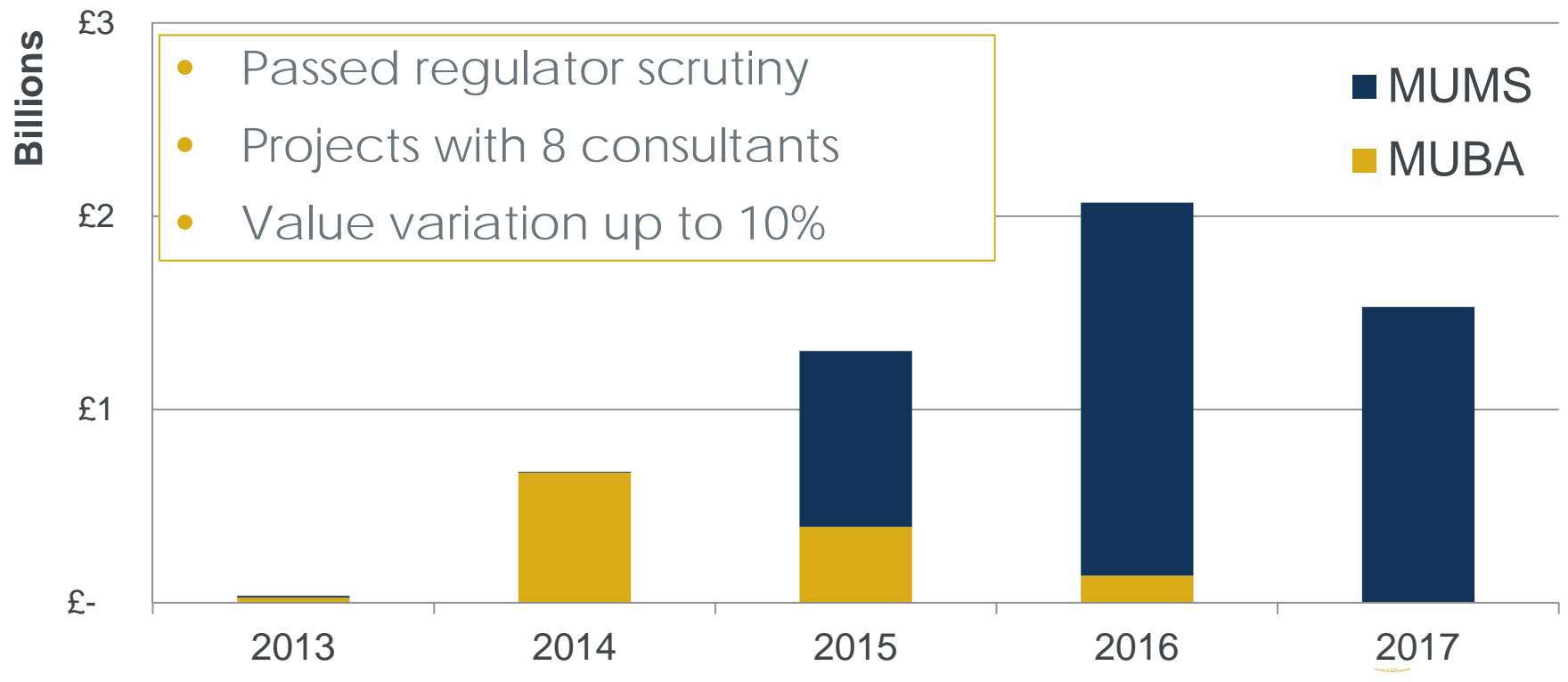


MUMS - Benefits

- De-risk with evidence
- More accurate valuation
- Resolve arguments
- Buy in/out
- Funding requirements
- M&A activity
- Mergers
- DB Transfers ??



Industry take up



Summary

Evidence Not Assumptions

Not everyone is the same!!



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Questions



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MUMS - Sample cases and outcomes

	Total Pension size	Accounting Saving based on MUMS study
Project 1	£500M	£50M
Project 2	£180M	£30M
Project 3	£130M	£30M
Project 4	£50M	£5M
Project 5	£600M	£30M
Project 6	£400M	£30M



Sample output

Case ID	Member or Spouse	DoB	Age	Gen	Liability value	Group 1 (75% of SAPS)	Group 2 (100% of SAPS)	Group 3 (125% of SAPS)	Group 4 (mortality loading - %EM)
1	Member	09/11/1952	63	M	7,844.71		Y		
2	Spouse	18/08/1955	60	F					50%
3	Member	17/02/1927	89	M	41,236.29				125%
4	Spouse	05/01/1934	82	F				Y	
5	Member	19/07/1951	64	M	6,999.93		Y		



Examples (Very ill folk) – Years to age

Age	Gender	Condition	Rating	Years to age	Normal mortality age	Predicted mortality age
60	M	Type 1 diabetic since age 15, current control poor, progressive multiple sclerosis for 20+ years	Bucket 4 +450%	18	87	70
60	M	Type 1 diabetic, poor control, BMI 32, 42 alcohol units per week, high blood pressure, raised cholesterol	Bucket 4 +350%	15	87	72
60	M	Type 2 diabetic with retinopathy, heart attack at age 52 with angioplasty/stents, family history of heart attacks in father aged 42	Bucket 4 +300%	14	87	73
60	F	BMI 30, hypertension with 3 treatments and borderline raised, cerebrovascular accident in 2005 and told will never fully recover with ongoing symptoms	Bucket 4 +200%	11	90	78
60	F	Irregular heart rhythm, palpitations once every 6/12, breast cancer 2012	Bucket 4 +175%	10	90	79