



Welcome to the National LGPS Frameworks News Bulletin, we hope you like our new look.

With more than 247 contracts already let and £105m secured in savings, National LGPS Frameworks have become the 'go-to-route' for specialist procurement within the LGPS.

We understand the importance of keeping our colleagues up to date with the latest news and goings on within the National LGPS Frameworks and hopefully this new format will help. This is a more condensed version and we will shortly be publishing a full newsletter packed with useful information about the team what's coming up next and handy 'hints and tips' for Further Competitions and Direct Awards. We always welcome feedback so if there is anything you would like to see in future editions please get in touch, our contact details can be found at the bottom of this bulletin.

Happy reading and all the best from the National LGPS Frameworks Team.

## What's new...

### Legal Services Framework (re-let)

Launched on 15 Jan 2019



Following on from the success of the previous Legal Services Framework, which expired on 12 January 2019, we have launched the replacement framework.

The new Framework contains 12 service providers across separate Lots for specific types of legal services: Investment, Benefit Administration and Full Service for England and Wales, Scotland and, for the first time, Northern Ireland.

To make using this framework as simple as possible, all users can **access this Framework free of charge** but still benefit from all the usual advantages of using a National LGPS Framework including pre-agreed T&Cs, competitively tendered ceiling prices and supporting documentation.

Click '[here](#)' for more information.

### Member Data Services Framework

(including Mortality Screening and Address Tracing)

Launched in Oct 2018

Building on the very successful and tested collaborative approach used in other National LGPS Frameworks, this multi-user, multi-provider framework helps funds quickly and efficiently source Address Tracing and Correction and Mortality Screening (including Overseas) from a range of providers.

There is a one-off joiners fee of £500 which gives users access to all Lots under this Framework. Once joined you can run as many further competitions or direct awards as you wish.

Click '[here](#)' for more information.

## On the Road...



### CIPFA Pensions Network Workshops

8 and 12 March 2019

The team have been out and about promoting the National LGPS Frameworks at various LGPS events. We have presented at the recent CIPFA workshops (covering Procurement, Resources and Benchmarking) in Manchester and London, meeting LGPS Funds and Pools across the country.

We presented an overview of the National LGPS Frameworks, how they work and an update on the latest developments including raising awareness and gaining support from LGPS Funds for the upcoming Pensions Administration Software Framework. If you would like us to present at one of your meetings, please get in touch.

### UK National GO Awards 2019 - Finalists!

30 April 2019 – Birmingham



National LGPS Frameworks are proud to have been recognised by a number of prestigious industry awards. Excitingly we were recently shortlisted as Finalists for GO Procurement Team of the Year Award - Local Government, Central Government.

Some of the team and founder representatives were lucky enough to attend the award ceremony at the Hilton Metropole in Birmingham.

Sadly, we didn't win but it's fantastic for the programme and a recognition of all the hard work by the Founding Authorities.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Frameworks.

## Looking forward...



### Pensions Administration Software Framework Goes Ahead!

The National LGPS Frameworks team have been working with 12 Founding Authorities to assess the viability of setting up a Pensions Administration Software framework in support of the LGPS.

The Founding Authorities include: Cheshire Pension Fund; Clwyd Pension Fund; Essex Pension Fund; Greater Manchester Pension Fund; Merseyside Pension Fund; Norfolk Pension Fund; Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC); South Yorkshire Pension Fund; Surrey County Council; Tyne and Wear Pension Fund; West Midlands Pension Fund; and West Yorkshire Pension Fund.

This initiative has the support of central government including MHCLG and Cabinet Office. In addition to the Founding Authorities, there are many funds who have expressed an interest in using the Framework.

Market engagement events have been held to inform potential providers of our intentions and what we hope to achieve, together with exploring the feasibility of a Pensions Administration Software Framework.

Based on the outcome of these activities and the encouraging support from central government, funds and providers, the Founders have decided to proceed with the development of a Pensions Administration Software Framework.

It is currently anticipated that this framework will be available for funds to use within 12 -14 months.

If you would be interested in using this framework or would like more information please contact the National LGPS Frameworks team.

## Secure Area...



### Secure Area

Testing in progress

The Secure Area of the National LGPS Frameworks website is currently undergoing renovation and rigorous testing to get it up and running.

The aim of this is to replace the current system of sending documents via encrypted email with a portal where documents can be downloaded directly from the website.

## In the news...



### Room 151 article

As some of you may have seen, the Frameworks were the feature of an article published on Room151.co.uk. The article focused on; the background behind the National LGPS Frameworks and how they came about; the great collaboration in action across the LGPS; and the efficiencies and savings that have been made through the use of the Frameworks.

Click '[here](#)' to read the article.

## Did you know...

### Employers and the National LGPS Frameworks

Open to use!

The Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy, Third Party Administration and Legal Services Frameworks are also available to those employers who participate in the LGPS. We are working hard to promote this, presenting at employer forums and helping Funds to include further information in their employer newsletters and on their employers' website.

Other public sector bodies, such as the Pensions Protection Fund (PPF) and some universities, are also using the Frameworks.

If you would like further information, please get in touch.

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## Want to find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the frameworks mentioned above, or any other National LGPS Frameworks please visit:

<https://www.nationallgpsframeworks.org/>

We also have a news section where you can easily keep up to date of news articles we publish!



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