



Via Email Only

24 April 2020

**Freedom of Information Ref No. FOI16/1/2020**



Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and for your patience whilst we considered a safe way to transport the information to you.

**You asked Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) the following: -**

***“The information I require is based on and relates to information provided to you by the Trustees of the British Steel Pension Fund and the Department for Works and Pensions:***

***This information relates to all available information that you put in place to assist BSPS Members with information regarding their High/Low Pension options which you set up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017 and further I request all information and guidance MAPS Staff were given to assist BSPS members with regards to Meetings that you held on 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 regarding what further options were open to BSPS Members with regards to their High/Low Pension options.”***

I am writing to confirm that I have now completed the search for the information you requested. However, I wish to advise you that some of the information you requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Section 40(2) of the FOIA states that personal data of a third party is exempt from disclosure if to do so would contravene any of the data protection principles. We consider that to disclose this information to you without the consent of the individuals concerned would not be fair or transparent and would therefore contravene the first data protection principle. This is because the individuals concerned would not reasonably expect us to disclose information that may identify them to a member of the public on request.

With regards to your Freedom of Information request and the information that I can provide; I will send you **two separate emails** in addition to this letter using the email address you supplied.

- The **first email** will contain a link to allow you to access the information we are able to disclose under the terms of the FOIA. The information is in a (csv?) file format.
- The **second email** will contain the password to enable you to access the files. You will see that all personal details have been redacted on the files you receive.





**Money &  
Pensions  
Service**

In accordance with our retention guidelines the files will be deleted one week from today on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020** therefore it is important to ensure you download the files you require before then.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries about my response to your request do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,



**Complaints & Freedom of Information Officer**

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#### **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not happy with this response you can ask for an internal review by e-mailing [foi@maps.org.uk](mailto:foi@maps.org.uk) or by writing to Money and Pensions Service, 120 Holborn, London, EC1N 2TD. Any review request should be sent within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF  
<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745