



## **Further expansion of the National LGPS Frameworks as a new procurement framework for Member Data Services goes live**

From Rishi Sunak's first speech to the LGPS at the PLSA conference in May through to The Pensions Regulator, GAD and the Scheme Advisory Board, everybody is talking about the importance of data quality. And with good reason - correct data after all is the bedrock of effective, efficient scheme management.

Poor data costs in both time, money and reputation, and can lead to wrong benefits being paid to members, inaccurate actuarial assessments and huge fines from regulators.

To support LGPS Funds working hard on data quality, the National LGPS Frameworks (a well-established 'not for profit' LGPS initiative) have today launched their latest procurement framework, for 'Member Data Services'. This Framework will help all LGPS Funds (and wider public sector schemes) swiftly and easily access reliable, good value expert services to help them improve and maintain the quality of their critical member records.

Building on the very successful and tested collaborative procurement approach used in other procurement frameworks, this latest multi-user, multi-provider framework helps funds buy a variety of data management services, including Address Tracing and Correction and Mortality Screening (including Overseas) from a wide range of tested providers.

Using the National LGPS Frameworks saves LGPS Funds significant time and money by allowing quicker and more efficient procurement of high-quality and value for money services. The frameworks mean users leverage better prices whilst still making local decisions about service requirements. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £98m in savings as a result of the National LGPS Frameworks programme.

This latest Framework has been developed by a number of LGPS Funds - Bedford Borough Council (Bedfordshire Pension Fund), London Borough of Hackney, The City of Edinburgh Council (Lothian Pension Fund), Norfolk County Council (Norfolk Pension Fund), Wirral Council (Merseyside Pension Fund), and City of Wolverhampton Council (West Midlands Pension Fund). It was supported by the National LGPS Frameworks team, with specialist legal and procurement advice from Norfolk County Council.

Commenting on the launch of the new Framework, Nicola Mark, Head of Norfolk Pension Fund and Chair of the National LGPS Frameworks collaboration, said:

*"Data quality is quite rightly high on the agenda of all LGPS Funds, so this very timely framework is just what we need in our arsenal to make scheme administrators lives a little easier. It should benefit all Funds who make use of it, and in turn improve outcomes for scheme members and employers."*

If you are interested in using one of the National LGPS Frameworks or would like to find out more, please email [NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk) call 01603 495922 or visit our website [www.nationallgpsframeworks.org](http://www.nationallgpsframeworks.org)

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### Notes for Editors

The following service providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Member Data Services across 4 Lots:

- Lot 1 – Address Tracing and Correction Services
- Lot 2 – Mortality Screening Services
- Lot 3 – Overseas Address Tracing and Correction Services
- Lot 4 – Overseas Mortality Screening Services

Service Provider	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4
Accurate Data Services	X	X		
GB Group PLC	X	X		
JLT Employee Benefits	X	X	X	
Target Professional Services Ltd	X	X	X	X

### ‘By the LGPS, for the LGPS’

The National LGPS Frameworks are a not for profit programme - ‘By the LGPS, for the LGPS’ - and all users of the frameworks benefit equally from the collaboration.

The National LGPS Frameworks are open to all LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and administering authorities and the wider public sector nationally for the procurement of services from a wide range of qualified providers.

### Frameworks available include:

- Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services
- Global Custody Services
- Legal Services
- Third Party Administration Services
- Passive Investment Management Services
- Investment Management Performance and Cost Monitoring and Reporting Services
- Stewardship Advisory Services
- Investment Management Consultancy Services
- Transition Management and Implementation Services
- Member Data Services

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