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To: Regional Representatives, Branch Secretaries and FRS Contacts

FOR THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME MEMBERS

Draft proposals to provide a third tier of ill health provision with the Local Government Pension Scheme for England and Wales

The Department for Communities and Local Government has released proposals that allow payment of pension benefits to people who are judged, by an occupational health practitioner, to be permanently incapable of continuing their local authority employment but capable of gainful employment elsewhere.

This would provide employers with an alternative to dismissal on grounds of capability, currently the position they have been placed in because of changes to the pension scheme.

We would like to hear members' opinions on the consultation document as we would wish to make a response. Please send comments to Head Office before 1st January 2008 to allow a composite reply to be prepared.

A copy of the consultation document is available from the CLG website: -

[Draft proposals to amend Regulation 20 of the Local Government Pension Scheme](#)