



CLOSURE OF NHS SCOTLAND AND SOCIAL CARE CORONAVIRUS LIFE ASSURANCE SCHEME 2020

1. I write to inform you that the NHS Scotland and Social Care Life Assurance Scheme 2020 will be closed on 30 June 2022.

Background

2. Scottish Ministers established a special temporary scheme that provided death in service benefits for relevant persons working for, or providing services on behalf of, an NHS Scotland Health Board, Special Health Board, NHS National Services Scotland (Common Services Agency) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland, called the NHS Scotland and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme 2020.

3. This temporary scheme will close on 30 June 2022. Claimants have until 30 June 2023 to submit claims for deaths that occurred while the scheme was open (up to and including 30 June 2022).

4. Full details can be found at the following link:
<https://pensions.gov.scot/news/nhs-scotland-coronavirus-life-assurance-scheme>.

5. Membership of the NHS Pension Scheme provides both death and family benefits. Full details of the pension scheme and member benefits can be found at: [NHS | SPPA \(pensions.gov.scot\)](https://pensions.gov.scot)

Action

6. I ask you to note closure of this scheme, and to ensure that staff and managers are made aware.

Yours sincerely

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