Consultation on police pension scheme amendments

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The consultation will remove discrimination against pension scheme members in England and Wales

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The Home Office's open consultation is on the Public Service Pensions: Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2022. It will enact the first phase of the remedy in the McCloud / Sargeant cases.

The McCloud / Sargeant judgment refers to the Court of Appeal's ruling that the government's 2015 public sector pension reforms unlawfully discriminated against members based on age. The government accepted that this applied across all public sector pension schemes, including the police pension scheme.

This consultation will address elements of the prospective remedy, including:

- moving all members to the reformed scheme (the 2015 scheme) from 1 April 2022
- closing the legacy schemes to future accrual from 31 March 2022

This will mean that all members are treated equally in respect of any pensionable service rendered after 31 March 2022.

There will be an additional consultation in due course on the Deferred Choice Underpin, to address those elements of the remedy that will be retrospective in effect (relating to the remedy period from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2022).

The consultation closes at 3pm on 2 January 2022.

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- Amendments to police pension schemes in England and Wales 2022
- McCloud / Sargeant judgment from the Court of Appeal

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