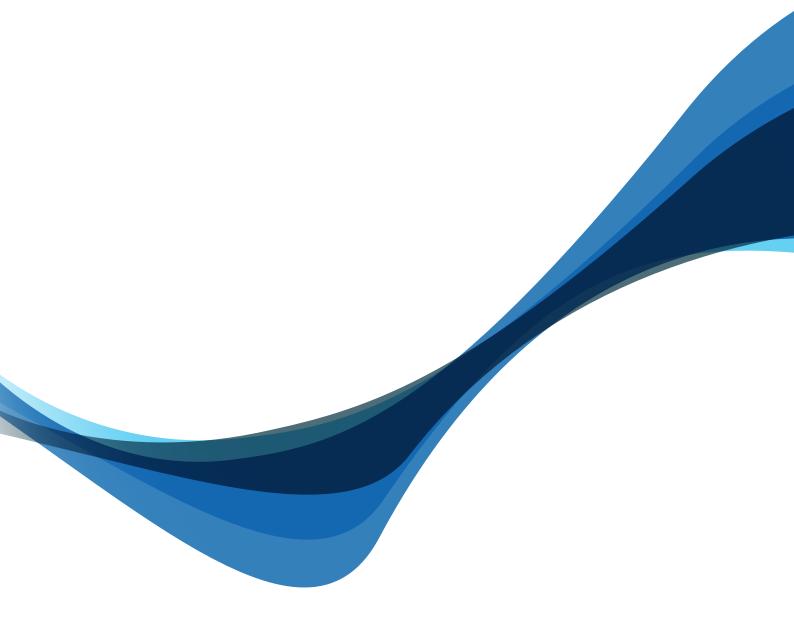


## A guide to our Complaint Procedure



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If you make a complaint in relation to a regulated product, we will promptly provide you with a written acknowledgement when we receive the complaint.

Your complaint will be handled by a person of appropriate competence and experience. That person will not have been directly involved in the matter which is the subject of the complaint.

We will endeavour to resolve any complaint as soon as possible.

If a final response has not been issued within four weeks of receipt of your complaint, we will write to you providing a holding response that will indicate when we will make further contact. This further contact will be within eight weeks of receipt of the complaint.

By the end of the eight weeks, we must send you either a final response or a response which explains that we are still investigating the complaint, giving reasons for the delay and likely timescales. We will also, where appropriate, provide you with details of the Financial Ombudsman Service, along with a copy of their leaflet 'Your Complaint and the Ombudsman' and a statement confirming that an approach can be made by you to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you are dissatisfied with the outcome and the length of time the matter has taken.

The Financial Ombudsman Service can be contacted via the following:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567

Calls to this number are normally free for people ringing from a "fixed line" phone, but charges may apply if you call from a mobile phone.

Telephone: 0300 123 9 123

Calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 or 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs.

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Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

In deciding whether or not to uphold a complaint, we may consider any relevant guidance published by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the Financial Ombudsman Service and any other relevant regulatory guidance previously published.

Please note that only the following categories of persons are able to refer their complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service and that some of our customers may be ineligible under the rules of this scheme:

- a consumer; or
- a micro-enterprise in relation to a complaint relating wholly or partly to payment services, either at the time of the conclusion of the payment service contract or at the time of their complaint; or
- a charity whose annual income is less than £1 million at the time of their complaint; or
- a trustee of a trust whose net asset value is less than £1 million at the time of their complaint; or
- an individual identified as a politically exposed person, a family member of a politically exposed person, or a known close associate of a politically exposed person; and where the complaint is that such identification is incorrect; or relates to an act or omission consequence of such identification.

Where a complainant is not deemed to be an eligible complainant or where a complaint is received in respect of a non-FCA regulated product such as a SSAS, we will record and investigate the complaint in accordance with the above procedure. However, complainants will not be eligible to refer their complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

SSAS clients may be able to refer their complaint to the Pensions Ombudsman via the following:

The Office of the Pensions Ombudsman 10 South Colonnade Canary Wharf London E14 4PU

Telephone: 0800 917 4487

Email: enquiries@pensions-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk

If your complaint is regarding the administration of a personal pension plan, your complaint may be more appropriately referred, free of charge, to the Pensions Ombudsman. Where applicable, we will provide appropriate referral rights when sending our final response.

Using your own solicitor, financial adviser or other third party complaint-handling firm does not affect how we review your complaint. However, please be aware that:

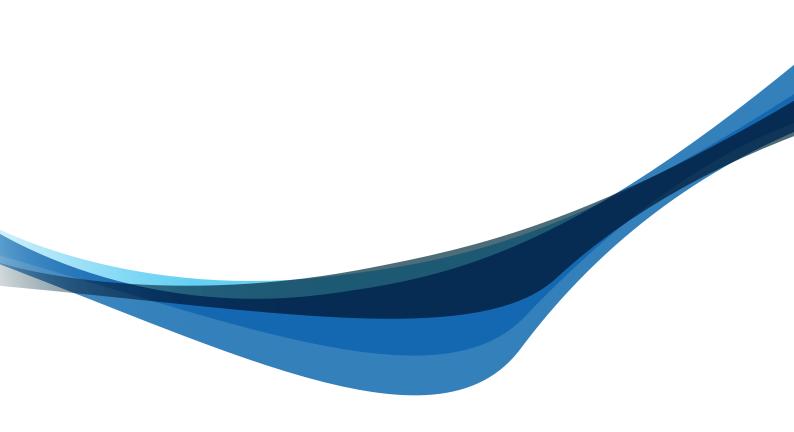
- we do not charge you to investigate your complaint.
- we will not be liable for any costs incurred if you decide to employ a third party to handle your complaint during this review.
- where your complaint about your pension is upheld and redress is due, compensation will, in general, be paid to the pension scheme directly in respect of losses to that pension scheme, and to the customer directly in respect of losses to the customer.

If you have taken out a regulated James Hay product online, there is an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform created by the EU Commission which allows consumers to submit a complaint through a central website. The complaint will then be directed to the relevant approved Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) provider. For regulated products taken out with James Hay, the ADR provider is the Financial Ombudsman Service. The contact details of the Financial Ombudsman Service are given above. More information about the ODR platform can be found at the European Commission website: www.ec.europa.eu/odr

If you have any concerns with the way in which your complaint is being handled, please contact:

The Complaints Manager James Hay Partnership Dunn's House St Paul's Road Salisbury SP2 7BF

Telephone: **03455 212 414** 



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