



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 16437

Date: 26 July 2022

Dear _____,

ATISN 16437

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 June 2022. You asked the following:

How much the 'death in service' payment is for senior civil servants when they pass away?

The death in service payment for senior civil servants (and other more junior civil servants) depends on the pension scheme they are in. Most Welsh Government senior civil servants are members of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS). In the current scheme, alpha, the death in service lump sum is worked out in two ways, and the higher of these amounts is paid to the person's nominees:

- Two times their final pay, less any lump sum payments due (or already paid) from the Civil Service Pension arrangements; or
- Five times the pension they have built up, less any pension payments already made from the Civil Service Pension arrangements.

Death in service information for the alpha scheme is available [here](#) on the Civil Service Pensions website.

A small number of Welsh Government senior civil servants (and other more junior civil servants) are in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). If a civil servant dies in service and before the age of 75, a lump sum death grant of three times their assumed pensionable pay will be payable under the terms of the LGPS. Death in service information for the LGPS is available [here](#) on the Rhondda Cynon Taff Pension Fund website.

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Information Rights Unit



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Cardiff
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or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely