National Grid UK Pension Scheme

Early payment of deferred pension on grounds of Ill Health

APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS

1 Return completed application and consent forms

2 Application is submitted to the Medical Adviser, Health Claims Bureau (HCB Group)

- HCB Group request reports from your GP and any other specialists that you are receiving, or have received, treatment from
- You will be invited to attend an appointment with an occupational physician who will also produce a report

Delays can occur during this stage, depending on how quickly your GP and treating doctors provide information.

These reports will be sent to you before HCB Group, as long as you have requested this on your consent form.

3 The Medical Adviser reviews all of the information obtained and produces a recommendation to the Trustees.

The Medical Adviser's report will be sent to you before the Trustees, as long as you have requested this on your consent form.

The Medical Adviser may:

Recommend that your application meets the criteria → **Early payment awarded** → Agree that your application meets the criteria

Recommend that your application does not meet the criteria → **Right of appeal** → Agree that your applicaton does not meet your criteria

Refer your application to the Trustees → If the Medical Adviser is unable to make a recommendation in line with the powers delegated to them by the Trustees, your application will be considered by a Committee of the Scheme Trustees or their delegates