

**THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY – YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO
TAKE ANY ACTION**

We are participating in an exercise to promote the proper spending of public money.

We are required by law to protect the public funds we administer. We may share information provided to us with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds in order to prevent and detect fraud.

We participate in the Cabinet Office's anti-fraud initiative, known as the National Fraud Initiative. For this initiative, we are providing details of pensioners so that they can be compared to information provided by other public bodies. This will ensure, for example, that no pensions are being paid to persons who are deceased or no longer entitled, and that occupational pension income is being declared when housing benefit is applied for.

Sometimes wrong payments are made because of a genuine error. Previous exercises have uncovered instances of pensioners receiving too little pension, resulting in the payments to pensioners being increased. These exercises, therefore, help promote the best use of public funds.

You do not need to respond to this letter. You may be contacted again in the future if the exercise suggests you are not receiving the correct amount of pension. Further information is available on our website at

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/dande/policies/finance/fairprocess>. However, if you do have any questions, you should contact caft@croydon.gov.uk, who can also provide hard copies of information available on our website.