



LGBT+ Benefits Summary

Pearson Benefits is pleased to demonstrate its support for building a culture of belonging for everyone who works for Pearson through its benefit programs that support our diverse communities. Read on to learn more about the coverage offered.

Read [Pearson's Global Trans 101 and Transition Support Guide](#) to learn about the Company's commitment to trans inclusion in the workplace.



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Supporting the LGBT+ Community

For Your Health

Gender-Affirming Services Medical Cover

The medical schemes (Medical Insurance and Medical Insurance Plus) offered through Aviva provide benefit for gender-affirming services that include the following:

- Initiation of hormone treatment and consultations to monitor you for up to two years
- Feminisation services (surgery, breast augmentation, facial feminisation, including Adam's apple shaving, voice surgery)
- Masculinisation services (surgery, mastectomy, facial masculinisation including Adam's apple enhancement, voice surgery)
- Up to 20 voice therapy sessions
- Hair transplantation up to £30,000
- Up to £100 wig allowance
- Hair removal up to £20,000



Please note:

- There are very few private providers of specialist services for gender affirmation so you may have to travel for treatment. Please speak to the Aviva claims team at 0800 056 4458 for further information.
- You don't need to see a GP before making a claim, just contact Aviva at 0800 056 4458 before starting treatment. However, if you are starting hormone therapy your NHS GP will need to sign up to a shared care agreement to ensure appropriate clinical monitoring is in place should your benefit end.

Fertility Benefit Medical Cover

The private medical plans provided through Aviva provide up to £20,000 reimbursement per member per lifetime on eligible fertility treatment.

Emotional Support Services

According to a 2018 Stonewall study, 52% of LGBT people said they experienced depression in the prior year and almost half (46%) of trans people surveyed admitted that they have thought about taking their own life. Help is available through the programs that Pearson offers to support the community and its family members:

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

If you are experiencing anxiety, stress, depression, grief, domestic violence, substance use disorder, or relationship issues, the EAP is ready to help. The [EAP](#) is confidential and available 24/7. You do not need to be enrolled in private medical cover to use this benefit. You can reach the EAP via a few methods:

Online

- cigna.com/ieap;
- company login code: Pearson

Phone

- Free: 0800 243 458
- Direct: +44 20 8987 6230

Email

support@resourcesforyourlife.com

App

iConnectYou app (download the iConnectYou app from the App Store [iOS] or Play Store [Android]); company passcode: 201798

Aviva Private Medical Cover

Counselling is available for members aged 12 and over for those who need assistance navigating through gender incongruence.



Crisis Call Lines

If you or someone you know is in crisis and has thoughts of suicide, you can reach out to one of the following services:

- Call Emergency services at 999; or
- Call the NHS helpline at 111; or
- Call Samaritans for free at 116 123

Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For Your Wealth

Pearson Pension Plan

Have you thought about how much money you will need to live comfortably in later life? It is unlikely that the State Pension alone will fund the kind of retirement you may want. This is where the Pension Plan can assist, helping you save for a more comfortable future.

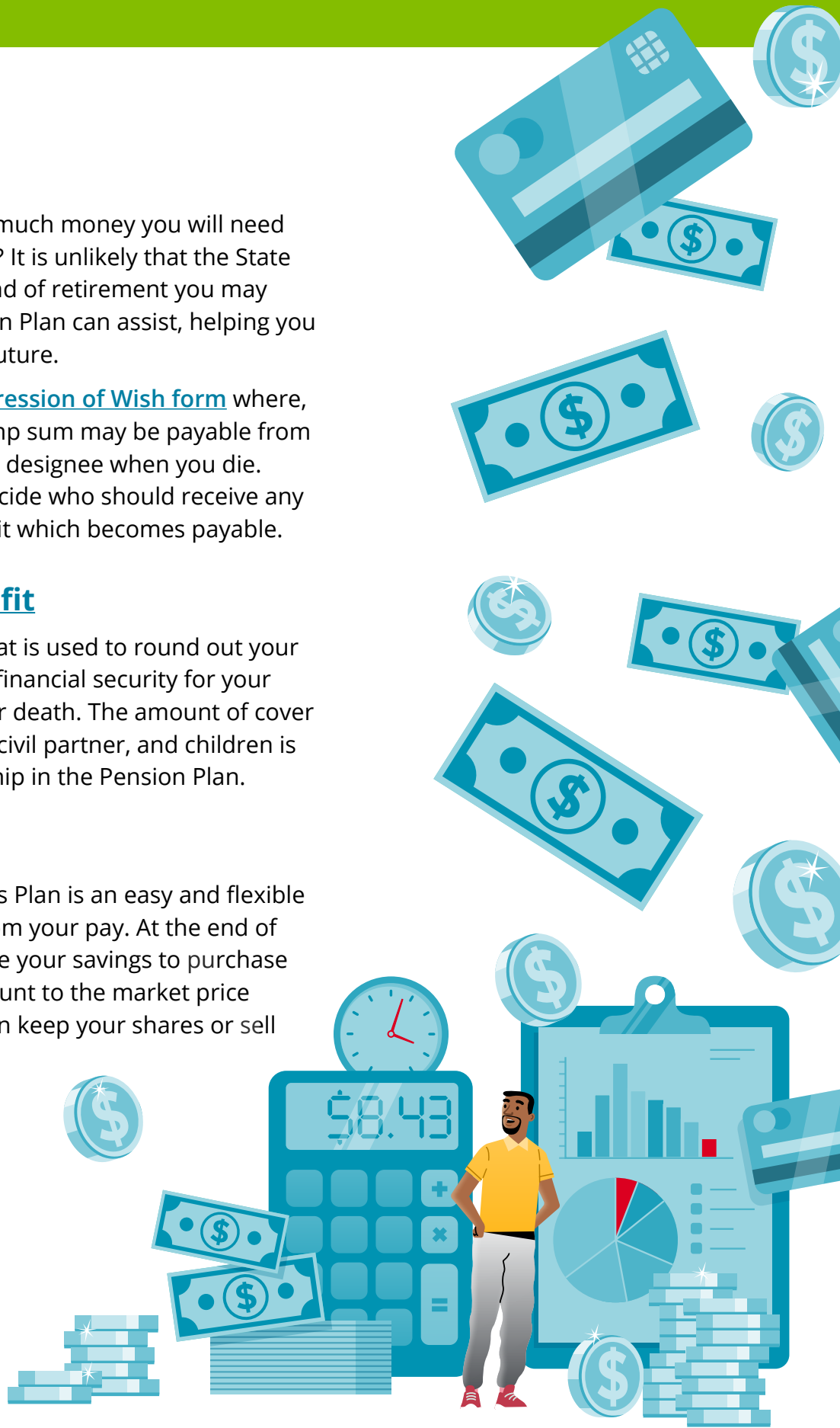
You can also complete an [Expression of Wish form](#) where, in certain circumstances, a lump sum may be payable from The Pearson Pension Plan to a designee when you die. The Trustee of the Plan will decide who should receive any discretionary lump sum benefit which becomes payable.

Death in Service Benefit

Life insurance is something that is used to round out your financial portfolio. It provides financial security for your loved ones in the event of your death. The amount of cover provided to you, your spouse/civil partner, and children is dependent on your membership in the Pension Plan.

Save for Shares Plan

The Worldwide Save for Shares Plan is an easy and flexible way to save money directly from your pay. At the end of the savings period, you can use your savings to purchase Pearson shares at a 20% discount to the market price at the start of the plan. You can keep your shares or sell them immediately.



For Your Life

Pearson Spectrum

[Join Pearson Spectrum](#), a global, employee-led resource group that supports and affirms Pearson's queer community and allies. Spectrum acknowledges and embraces everyone under the LGBT+ umbrella. To get updates or participate in community discussions, you can do so through the [Pearson Spectrum Teams channel](#).



Time Away from Work

Provides information about various circumstances where employees may need to take time away from work:

[Holiday Entitlement and Public Holidays](#)

This policy outlines the annual holiday entitlements and public holidays available to employees in the UK.

[Career Break](#)

Allows employees to take an unpaid career break, between 3 and 12 months, from work to address professional development or personal circumstances.

[Maternity Leave and Pay](#)

This policy reflects the statutory and Company provisions and arrangements for Ordinary Maternity Leave and Additional Maternity Leave.

[Shared Parental Leave](#)

This is a type of leave that may be available following the [birth](#) or the [adoption](#) of your child. Shared Parental Leave allows parents to take up to 52 weeks.

[Parental Leave and Pay](#)

With this leave, employees are entitled to up to 18 weeks unpaid parental leave per child (up to 18th birthday) if they:

- Are the parent of a child; or
- Have adopted a child under the age of 18 (the right to parental leave lasts for a period from the date of adoption or until the child's 18th birthday); or
- Have acquired formal parental responsibility for a child; or
- Are the parent or adoptive parent of a child who has been awarded disability living allowance (this can be taken up to the child's 18th birthday)

Available Resources and Organizations

There are additional resources available to provide support for the LGBT+ community and its allies:

[Switchboard](#)

Switchboard is the UK national LGBT+ support line. Switchboard is a UK-based charity and is available to all who reside in the UK.

[Stonewall UK](#)

Stonewall is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights charity in the United Kingdom. It is the largest LGBT rights organization in Europe.

[Mermaids \(UK\)](#)

Mermaids supports transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse children and young people until their 20th birthday, as well as their families and professional(s) involved in their care.

[The BeYou Project](#)

Offers a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space where LGBT+ young people can meet, socialise, and find the support they need.

[Gendered Intelligence \(GI\)](#)

GI is a UK-based registered charity that works to increase understandings of gender diversity and improve the lives of trans people. They work throughout the UK and sometimes internationally, offering a broad spectrum of non-judgmental, practical services to the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors, including employees' training, speakers and panellists for events and conferences, and wide-ranging consultancy. They also provide services for trans- and gender-questioning people, especially young people, and those who support them.

[ILGA-Europe Rainbow Europe](#)

[Rainbow Europe is ILGA-Europe's annual benchmarking tool](#), which ranks 49 countries in Europe on their LGBT+ equality laws and policies in the areas of non-discrimination, family, hate crime law, legal gender recognition, freedom of assembly, and asylum. Resources include an interactive map which links to full details of the ratings for each country, including laws, etc. and an annual review.

[NHS](#)

The NHS provides a [list of resources for children, adolescents, parents and schools](#) and [talking therapy options](#) to the LGBT+ community.

