

# **Sheffield Life & Pensions Webinar**

## **Retirement Income: Strategies to manage Underspend and Overspend risks**

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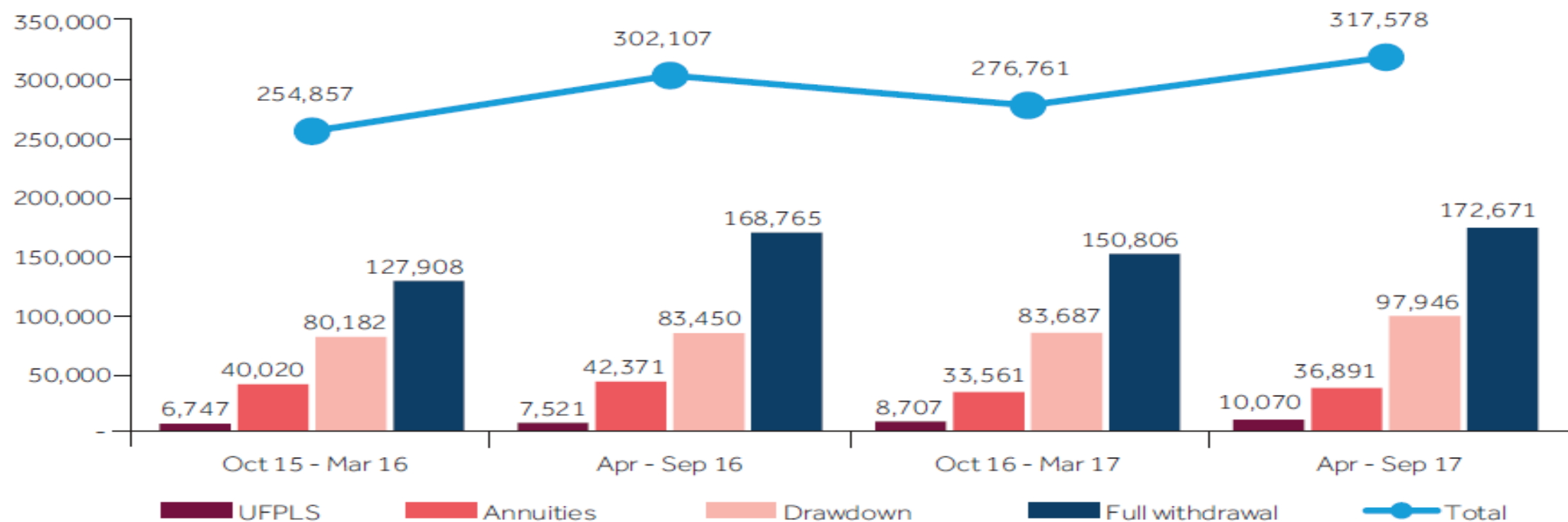


# Learning objectives

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- Discuss how a holistic approach can be adopted by advisers to deliver flexibility and certainty for clients in retirement, with reference to the FCA's 'Dear CEO' letter of January 2020.
- Demonstrate the pros and cons of income sustainability, exploring the 'probability-based' approach and methods often used as part of this
- Explore the pros and cons of securing some essential incomes using state pensions and a client specific guaranteed income within a flexible drawdown proposition
- Explain how Pension Freedoms created space for innovation that Defaqto have written about. Resulting in an award winning retirement solution, combining pension savings, income drawdown and guaranteed income within a single wrapper

## Pension Freedoms: changed and created new ways to access your pension

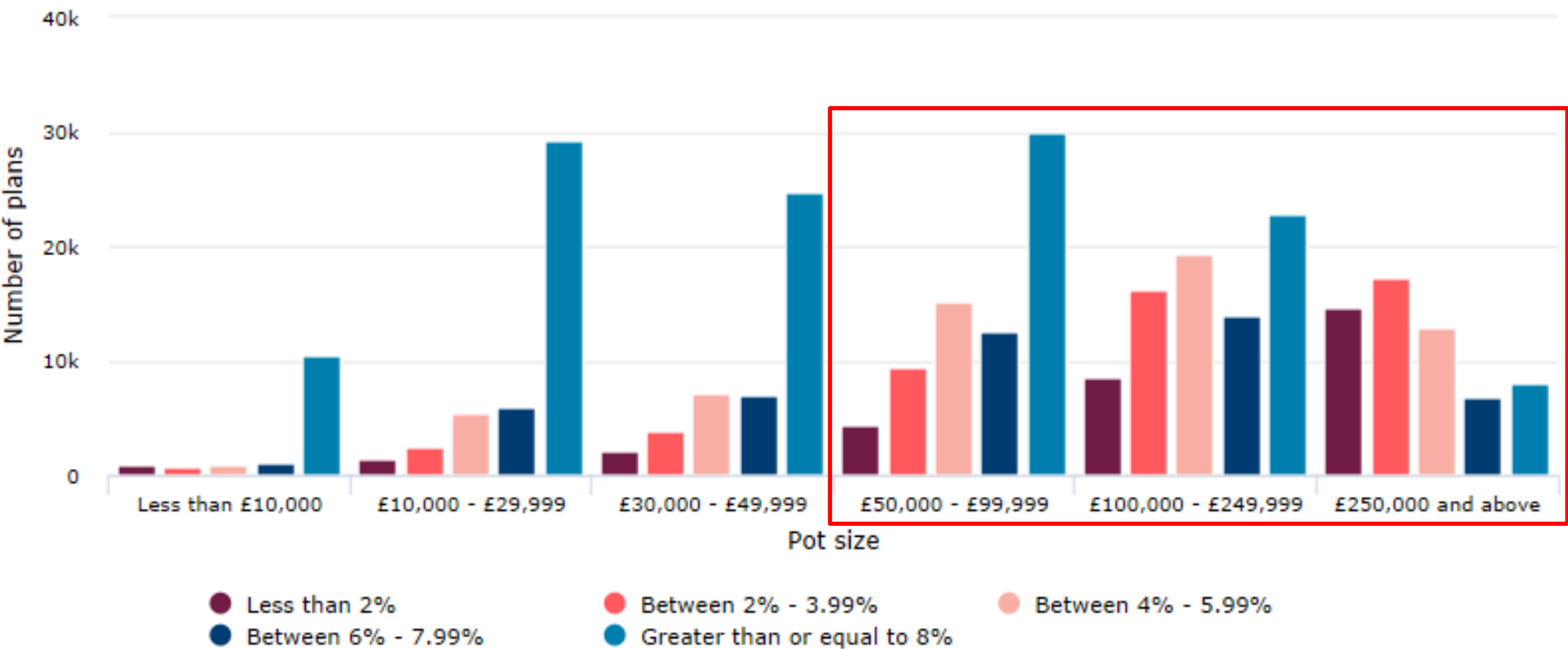


Source: FCA analysis of retirement income market data collected from 56 providers

# Sustainable income: what is happening in market?

Figure 6: Regular withdrawal rates by pot size in 2018/19

Source: FCA retirement income withdrawals data. Firms reporting 750 plans or more with regular withdrawals in 2018/19



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# FCA Dear CEO letter: pushed back but not gone away

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## Why financial advisers are a key FCA priority

We have identified four key ways in which consumers of financial advice may be harmed:

- receiving unsuitable advice for their needs and objectives
- falling victim to pension and investment scams
- not receiving redress as a result of the non-payment of FOS awards and/or failing firms being unable to compensate consumers
- paying excessive fees or charges for products and services

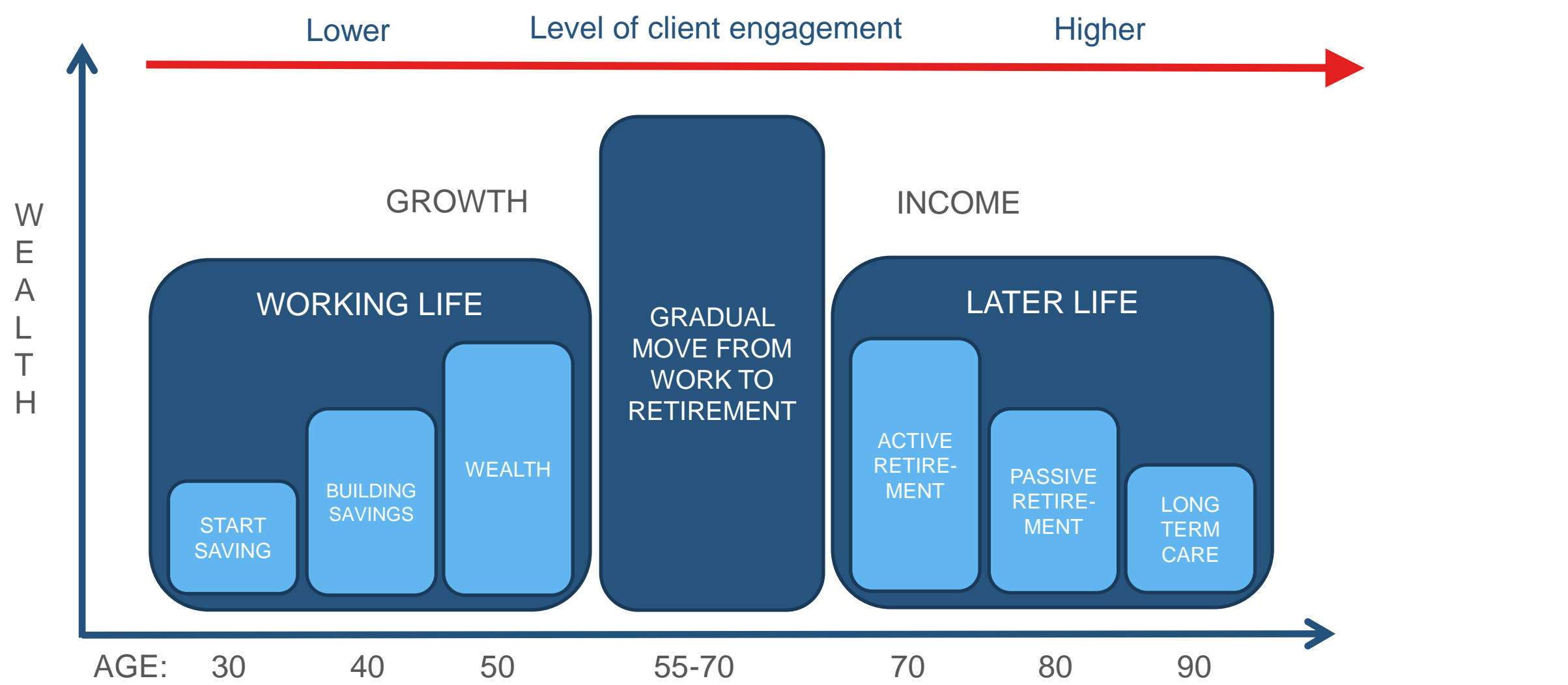
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# Centralised Retirement Proposition: Evolution not revolution



## Assessing Suitability – Is a CRP mandatory?

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Answer – No, however.....



*They're (the FCA) **not** going to ask specifically about your **target market**, but they could ask **how you decided** that a solution **was appropriate** for your target market, **and if you can't show them**, that's a rule breach.*



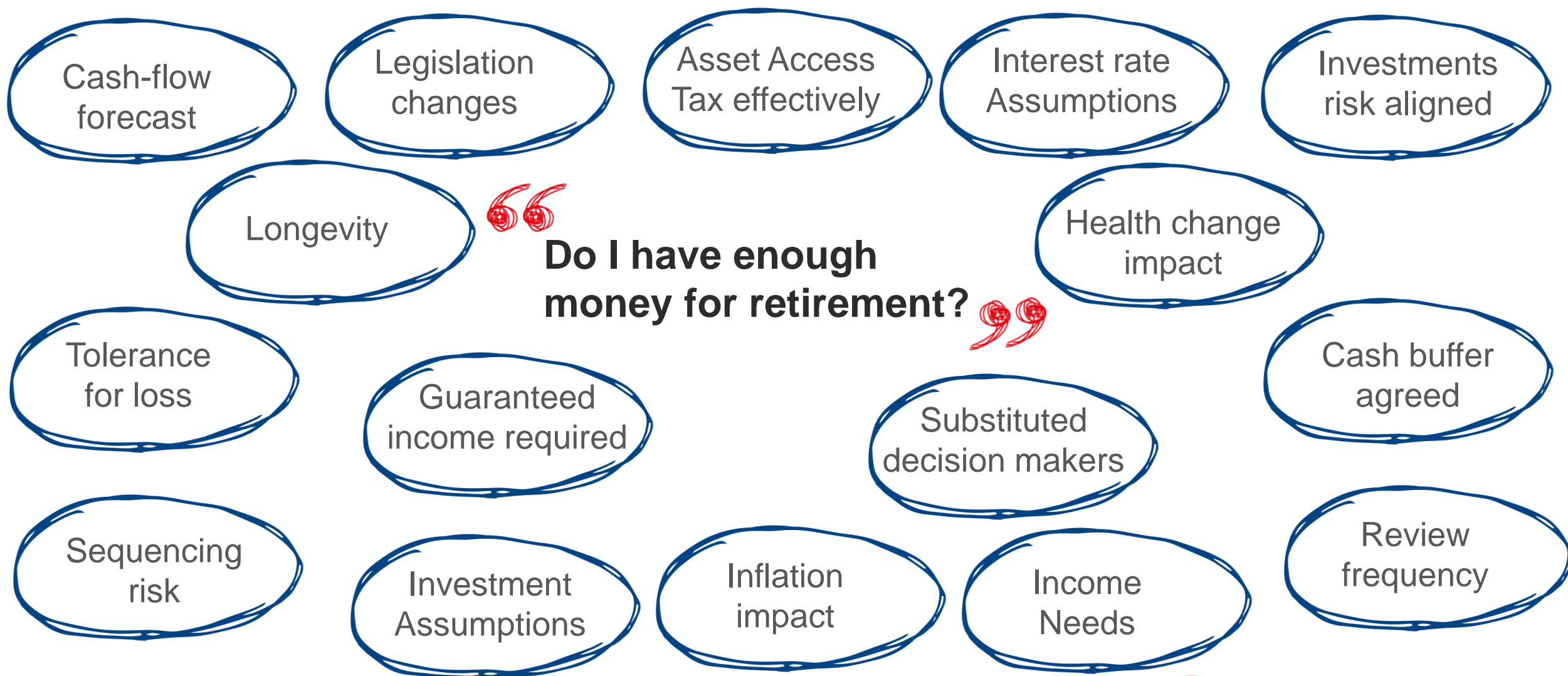
(Mike Barrett – The Lang Cat)



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## The Fundamental Question – things to assess





## Looking for security (managing underspend and overspend risk)

The major risk for client seeking income is the ongoing erosion of capital from falls in their investments.

### Review their current position

1. Switch off unnecessary income
2. Guarantee essential expenditure
3. Consider a risk targeted fund range to manage sequencing risk
4. Manage costs

Protecting your drawdown clients from long term movements of the market whilst providing genuine growth.

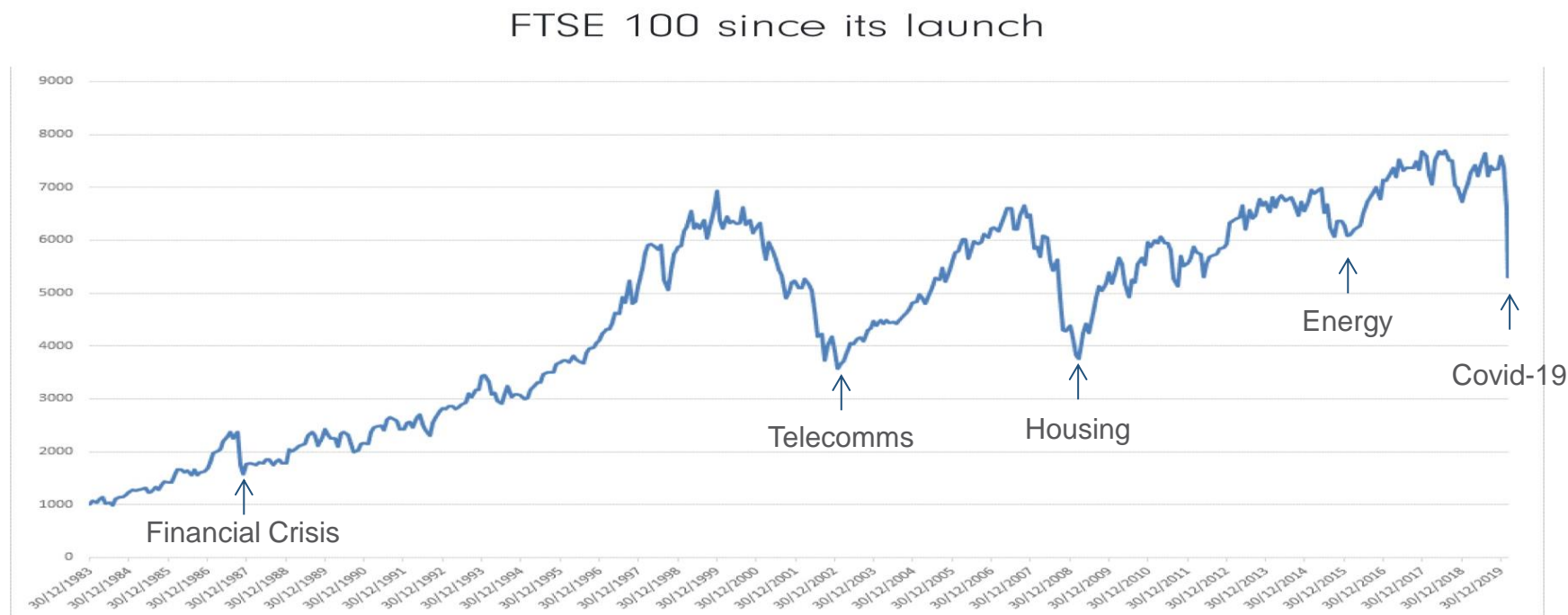
- Blended / hybrid solutions
- Portfolios designed for different demands



# Which way forward for clients approaching or in retirement?

FTSE 100 at 21 Feb 2020 - 7,403.92

On 23 March 2020 FTSE reached it's lowest point – 4,993.89 during the Covid-19 pandemic.



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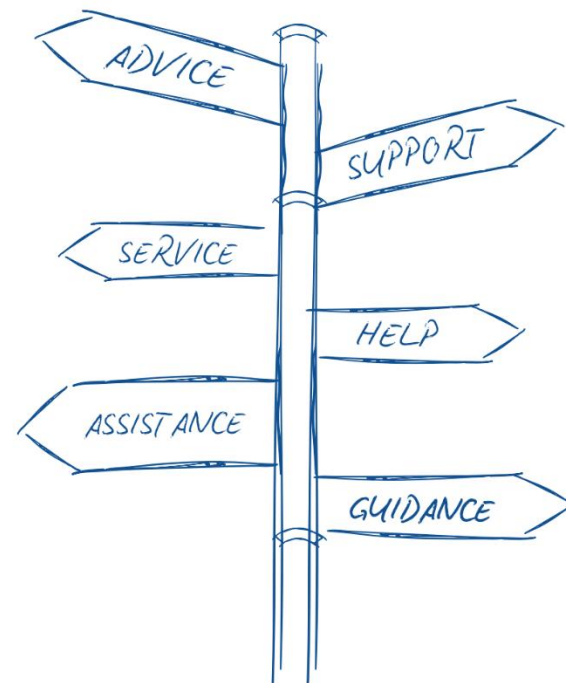
# Which way forward for clients approaching or in retirement?

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History has shown us that markets tend to recover,  
**HOWEVER**, nothing is guaranteed

Client's looking at retiring in the next 10 years have three challenges in front of them, do they;

1. Security of income – crystallise their losses and/or buy guarantees or protection.
2. Sit tight – take the view that the market will recover at some point.
3. See this as an opportunity to buy into a recovery.



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# Pension and Lifetime Savings Organisation (PLSA) – helping the focus

51% of people focus on current needs  
Only 23% confident they know how much need to save

## Three sets of 'Living Standards':

- 'Minimum' -
- 'Moderate'
- 'Comfortable'

**Includes:** basket of goods for each containing -

Household Bills / food and drink / holidays and leisure /  
clothing and personal items and helping others

(Source PLSA 17/10/2019)



# Pension & Lifetime Savings Organisation (PLSA) – ‘standards’

## Results - Single



Minimum: £10,000

Moderate: £20,000

Comfortable: £30,000

## ‘Retirement Living Standards’ (RLS)



**PLSA Ambition:  
RLS to become  
adopted as  
Industry standard**

## Results - Couples



Minimum: £15,000

Moderate: £30,000

Comfortable: £45,000

(Source PLSA 17/10/2019)

# Observations of 'drivers'

## Planning Issues – income sustainability



**FCA DP 19/2:** A backdrop of decline in annuity market **81%**:

**2018/19\***

- **55%** of Consumers withdrew pension pots as cash
- **30%** Opted for drawdown



**2018 Joint strategy FCA & TPR:**

- Identified **overarching** harm – people may not have adequate income, or income they expected in retirement.

# Vulnerable Clients Policy

The Vulnerable Client Policy is **part** of the **advice process**:

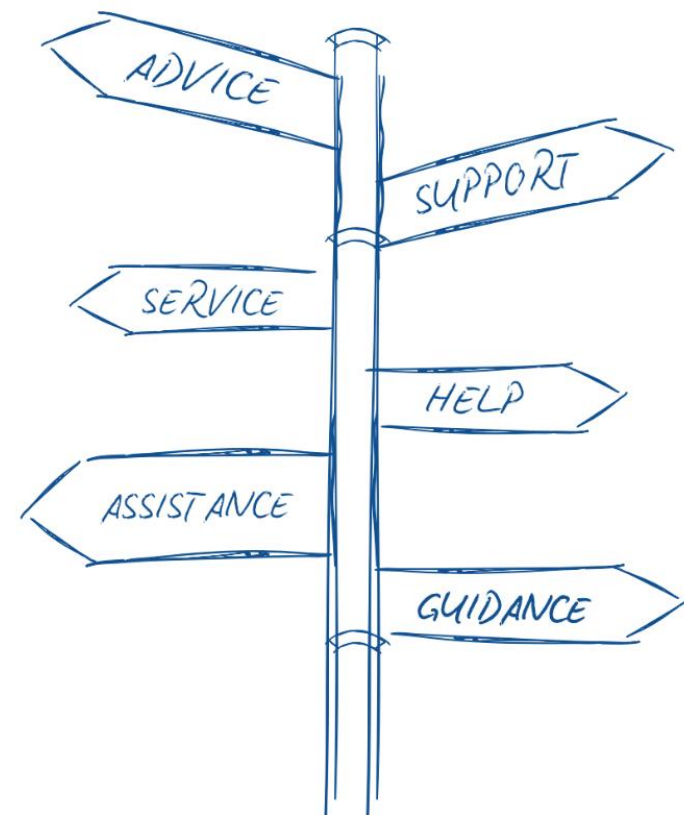
Vulnerability is not always visible

How does it **interact** with the **CIP**?

How does the **CRP engage** with this?

E.g. Long term nature of retirement

- Need to review
- Changes in risk attitude
- Changes in cognition and understanding
- **Health** issues current or onset / **reviewed**?
- Is the **current product** choice flexible and modern enough to deal with 35+ years?



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# For how long do we plan?

Your average life expectancy is...

**86** years

(that's **21** years from now)

However there's a chance you might live longer...

1 in 4 chance of reaching

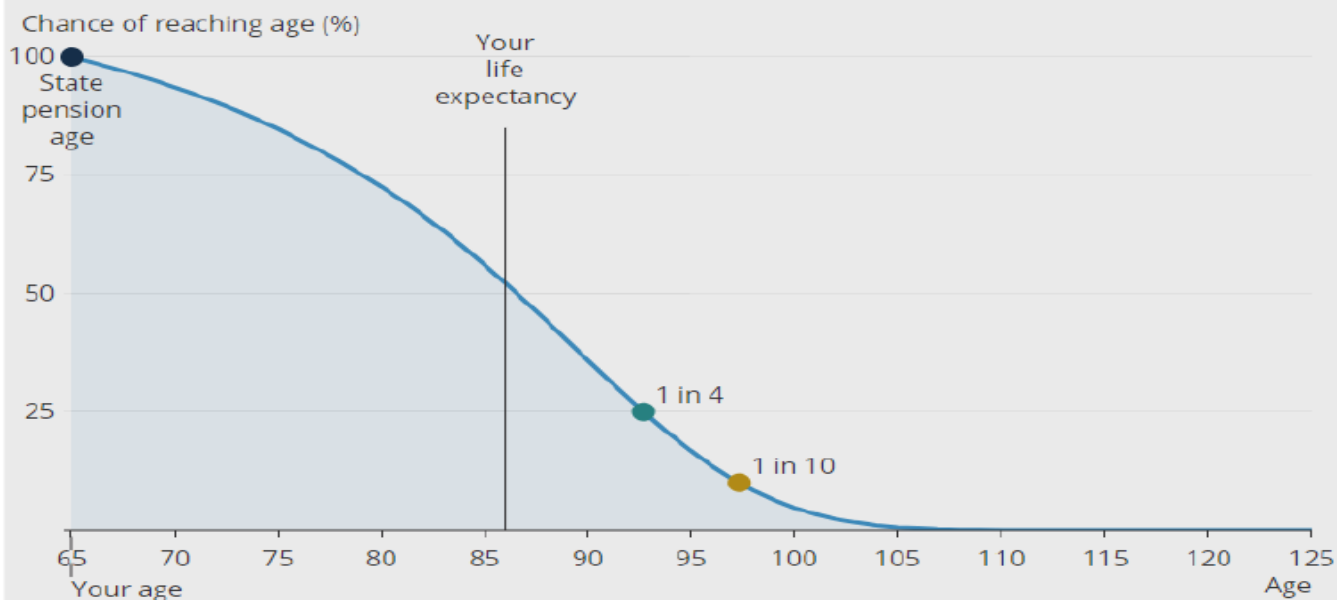
**93**

1 in 10 chance of reaching

**97**

Chance of reaching 100

**4.7%**



(Source: ONS [DA Norman – TCF Investments])



## State pension factoids: bedrock for peoples retirement

20,967,473 viewed online  
statement  
(4 April 2016 to 30 May 2020)

1,320,023 – Digital  
8,307 - Paper  
(1 April to 30 May 2020)

984,713 receive state pension with  
no protected payment

Full amount 2020/21  
£175.20 p.w. = £9,141.68 p.a.

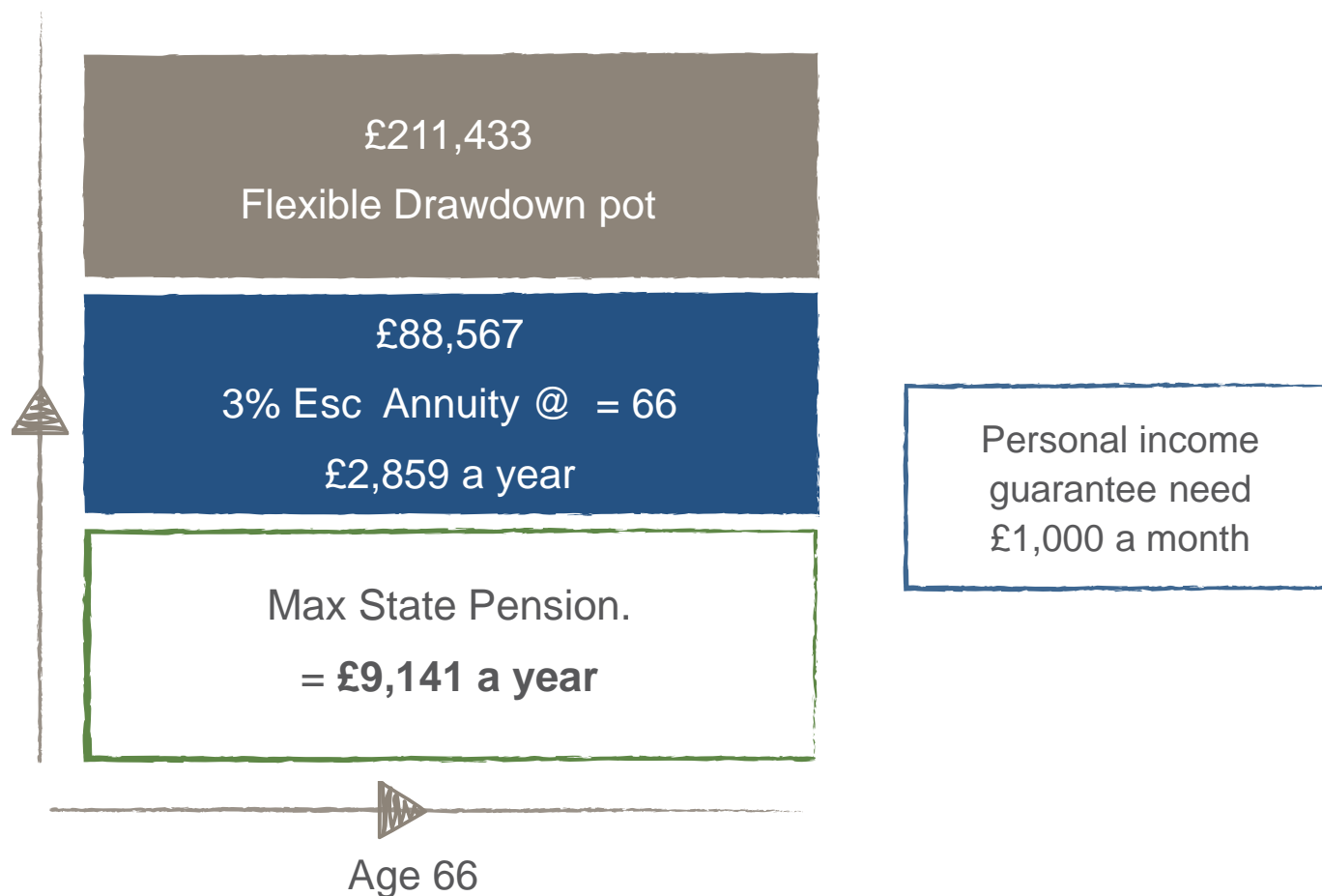
57,720 viewed statement between  
23 and 29 December 2019

1,364,107 in receipt of  
new state pension  
(6 April 2016 to 30 November 2019)

379,394 receiving more than the  
full amount – Protected Payment

Cost to buy maximum state  
pension £302,751\*\*

## Top up to cover personal essential expenditure – the use of guarantee



\* Healthy rates – targeting £2,859 a year, paid monthly. 15/05/2020 Illustration RA90005873

Source: Based on £300,000 transfer – Split £88,567 TRA Annuity purchase price and £211,433 Invested DD;  
Healthy 66 yr old, Single Life, 3% escalation

## Deferring your annuity: impact of age and health

Age	Healthy rate  % rate	*Mild conditions  % rate	**Moderate conditions  % rate	***Severe conditions  % rate
60	3.89%	4.21%	5.31%	6.96%
65	4.67%	5.07%	6.14%	7.85%
70	5.28%	5.80%	7.00%	8.93%
75	6.44%	7.18%	8.68%	11.03%
80	8.11%	9.31%	11.25%	14.26%

Source: Canada Life, TRA Annuity - £50,000 purchase price, single life, level (Illustrations dated 15/05/2020)

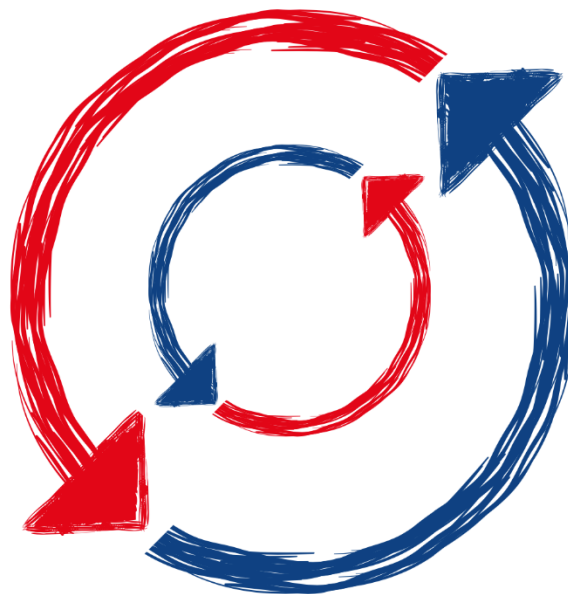
\*MILD: Normal height & weight, long-term smoker with HBP and cholesterol medication

\*\*MODERATE: Overweight, (same conditions as mild) plus diabetes with minor complications and angina diagnosed 2 years ago

\*\*\*SEVERE: Overweight (same conditions as mild) plus diabetes. Had heart attack 2 years ago with bypass surgery but has recent complications and under care of cardiologist

## Which way to go?

**‘Probability-based’**



**‘Safety-first’**

**Does it need to be one or the other?**



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## Probability vs Safety First – Summary (paraphrased)

	Probability-based	Safety-first
<b>Budget</b>	High Level	Detailed Budget
<b>Modelling tool</b>	Historical or Monte Carlo, WPS*	Cash flow, essential vs discretionary
<b>Longevity risk</b>	Managed via survival probability	Hedged via contractual guarantees
<b>Withdrawal strategy</b>	Rules-based	Liability matched to needs hierarchy
<b>Trade-off</b>	Adjust income in severe markets	Income prioritised to cover essentials
<b>Upside</b>	Income in times of good markets	Essentials not subject to markets
<b>Retirement income product(s)</b>	Diversified investment portfolios	Annuity (inc. investment-linked), Diversified portfolios for discretionary
<b>Risk Profile</b>	Medium to high	Low to medium
<b>Ability to flex income</b>	Medium to high	Low to medium
<b>Maintenance</b>	High	Low
<b>Difficulty</b>	Complex	Simple

(Source: Abraham Okusanya)

## The Safe withdrawal rate

“...the safe withdrawal rate (SWR), the **fixed rate** at which **systematic withdrawals** can be made from a portfolio of typically risky assets over a **defined period**”

(Chris Wagstaff – Senior visiting fellow, Cass Business School)



Dependant on a number of variables and risks such as Health, Longevity, investment returns and inflation....

“...Taking account of these...**risks**, it probably isn't any surprise that **most people**.....also crave the **security**, but **not the rigidity**, of an.....annuity.....and therein lies the **conundrum**:.....how can a SWR meet these seemingly **conflicting objectives**....?”

(Chris Wagstaff – Senior visiting fellow, Cass Business School)C

Is it a binary decision?



## Safe withdrawal rates and return assumptions – future gazing

**William Bengen – USA – 4% Inflation adjusted from Equity Bond Portfolio**

**Professor Wade Pfau – UK – 3.05% based on 50/50 equity bond portfolio**

(Source: Abraham Okusanya)

Annualised real returns for UK assets (%)

UK Asset Class	20 years	50 years
Equities	2.0	4.7
Gilts	2.5	3.2
Index-Linked	3.0	
Cash	-0.1	1.1

Source: Barclays Equity Gilt Study

(Source: DA Norman – TCF Investments)

# Safe withdrawal rates – future gazing

## Safe Withdrawal Rates for UK Retirees

The table below shows the safe maximum historic withdrawal rates (SAFEMAX) and the failure rates for a 4% and 5% withdrawal rate for various portfolios.

	SAFEMAX	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	% Failures for 4% Withdrawal Rate	% Failures for 5% Withdrawal Rate
Perfect Foresight Assumption	3.77	4.17	3.8%	27.5%
UK 50/50 Portfolio	3.43	4.01	9.30%	55.60%
Global 50/50 Portfolio	3.26	3.55	17.90%	31.00%

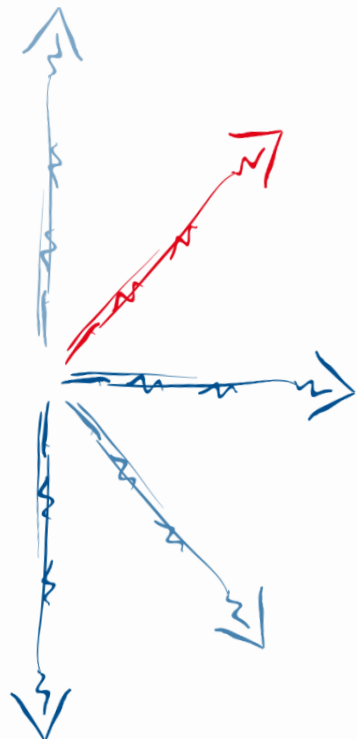
Source: Wade Pfau (2010, 2014) Assumptions include a. perfect foresight portfolio, b. a fixed 50 / 50 domestic equities/bond allocation and c. a fixed 50 / 50 global equities/bond allocation, a 30-year retirement duration, no administrative fees, annual inflation adjustments for withdrawals, and annual rebalancing.

(Source: DA Norman – TCF Investments)



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# Market Activity – what's happened



Year	Cautious	Balanced	Growth
2019	8.44	11.64	15.64
2018	-3.28	-5.15	-6.22
2017	4.51	6.95	9.78
2016	8.28	9.90	13.11
2015	0.20	1.12	2.31
2014	4.98	4.82	4.76
2013	4.17	8.57	13.77
2012	6.20	8.12	9.60
2011	1.18	-1.90	-5.62
2010	7.47	8.53	12.14
2009	11.04	15.48	20.01
2008	-10.63	-15.60	-21.20
2007	-0.05	1.39	4.07
2006	5.33	6.80	10.09
2005	8.74	12.89	19.88
2004	7.37	9.58	10.18
2003	8.49	14.79	18.57
2002	-0.10	-10.91	-17.37
2001	1.59	-3.58	-11.20
2000	7.09	2.77	-2.95
1999	0.88	12.73	24.84
1998	12.99	11.45	10.95
1997	15.02	18.40	12.97
Average	4.78	5.60	6.44
Best	15.02	18.40	24.84
Worst	-10.63	-15.60	-21.20

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	0-35%	20-60%	40-85%
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## Typical recovery timescales:

**Cautious:** 2 years, long-term return circa **4.5%pa**

**Growth:** 3 or 4 years, long-term returns circa **6.0%**

(Source: FE Analytics [DA Norman – TCF Investments])

## Withdrawal strategies for Income Drawdown

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**Sustainable  
Withdrawal  
Rate**

**Natural  
Income  
Producing  
Funds**

**Time Frame  
Investing**

**“Pot”  
Investing**

# Pot strategy – aka ‘bucket strategy’

## The bucket method



(Source: DA Norman – TCF Investments)

# Managing the income - Pot Strategy

## Potential Asset split:

Pot	Investment
Cash reserve	two - four years income plus five years capital items
Medium term pot: 4 - 10 years	Managed portfolio c. 40% equity (possible income bias)
Long term pot: 10 years on	Passive portfolio c. 75% plus equity
Optional buffer pot: potential annuity/reserve	Low cost portfolio c. 50% equity (possible income bias)
	Overall c. 60 - 80% equity

(Source: DA Norman – TCF Investments)

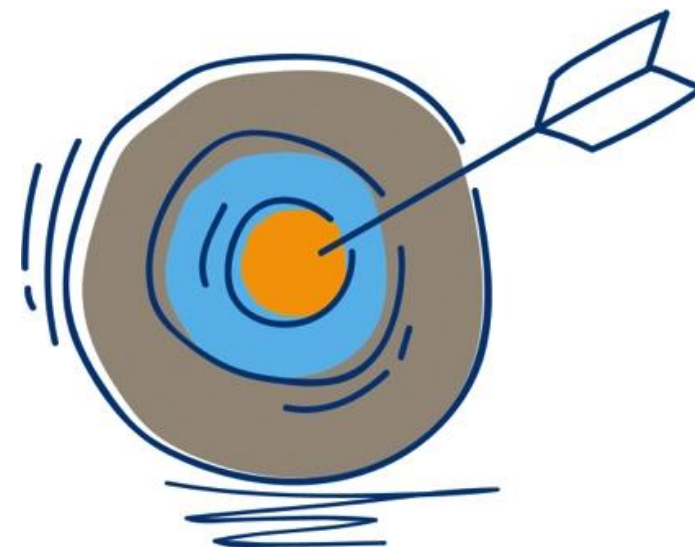




## One size doesn't fit all

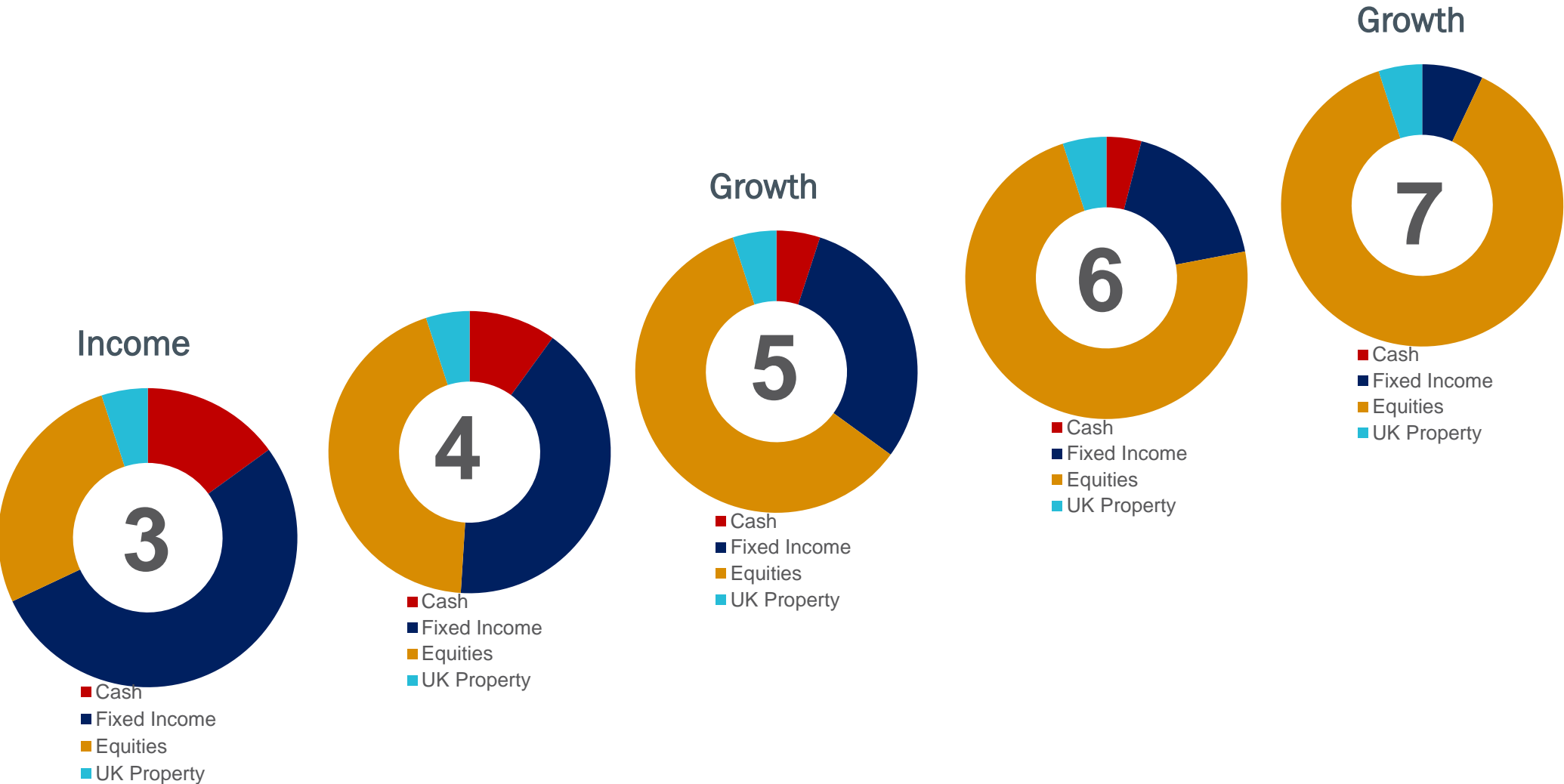
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- Try and avoid the use of a single fund – helps manage sequencing risk
- Retirement planning requires the management of growth, security and income. One fund is unlikely to be able to achieve all three
- Target the right fund to meet the income need of the client
- Review and set realistic sustainable income withdrawal levels OR ...
- Explain the consequences of exceeding these levels





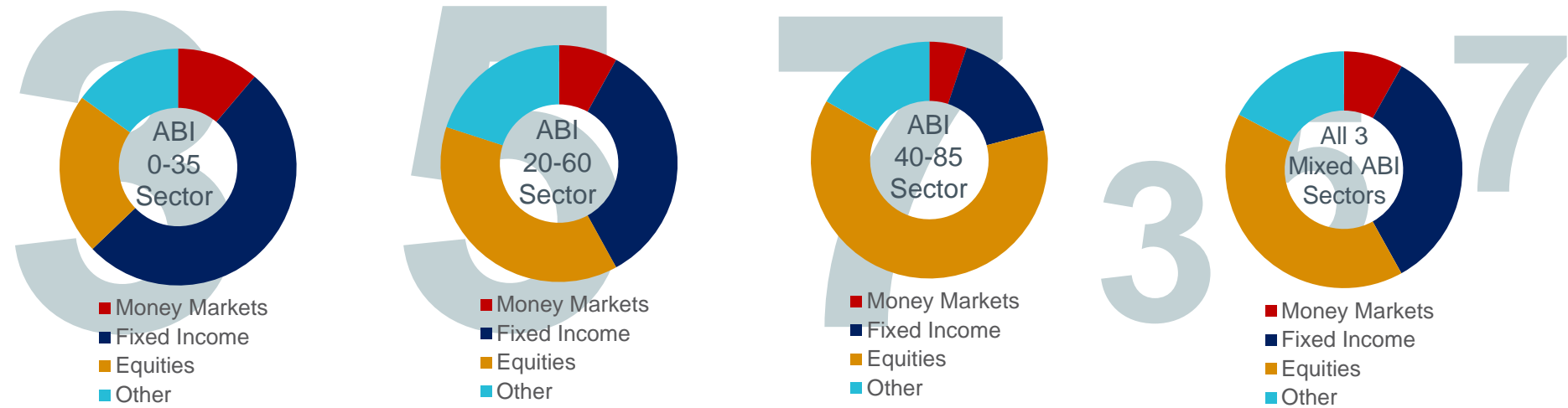
# Utilising the pots strategy with risk focused funds



Source Canada Life Investments – Asset Allocation month end December 2019

# At retirement – one thousand simulations

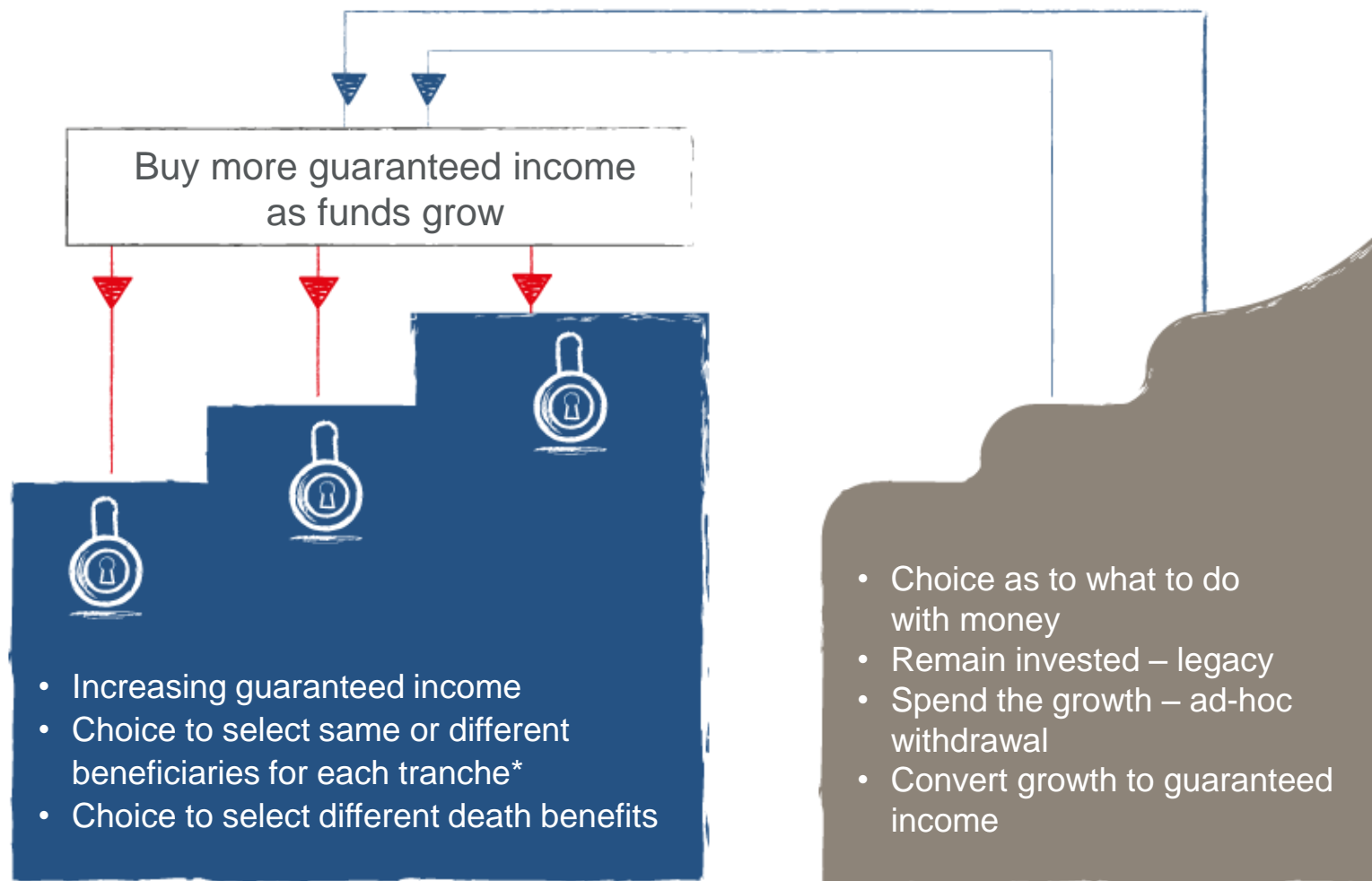
These figures are based on simulated performance for illustration purposes



Percentage of 1000 simulations where Drawdown pot lasted 30 years					
6% Starting Income (1% Fee)	44.9%	38.3%	44.9%	51.8%	↑
5% Starting Income (1% Fee)	87.1%	71.5%	67.0%	92.4%	↑
4% Starting Income (1% Fee)	99.6%	92.9%	86.0%	100%	↑

Source: Canada Life Investments & Morningstar. Figures based on the ABI Mixed Investment 0-35, ABI Mixed Investment 20-60 & ABI Mixed Investment 40-85 to month end Oct 2018. Calculated a thousand simulations on the actual returns of the ABI Mixed Investment sectors. Each simulation randomly mixed the last 30 years of returns (to account for sequencing risk) to help calculate the likelihood of the pot lasting. **Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.**

## Buying more guaranteed income: create increasing income and de-risk portfolios



Reasons to buy more guaranteed income:

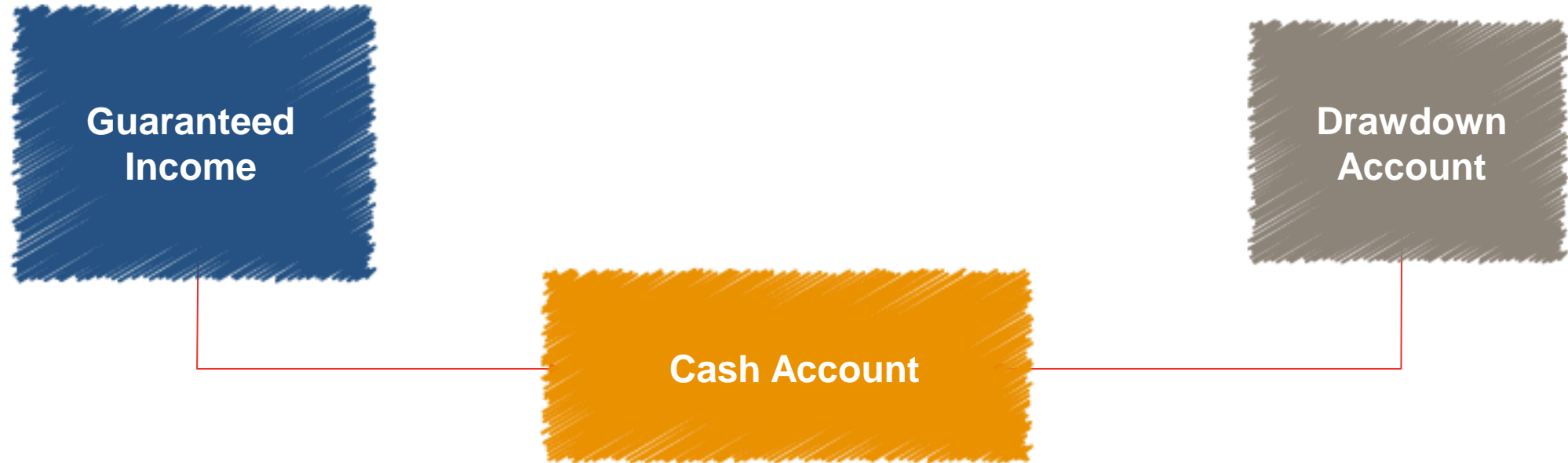
- Attitude to investment risk changes
- Health worsens
- Rates get better with age
- Mortality drag

\* For dependant or dependant + Income Guarantee options a spouse or civil partner must be named when the guaranteed income is purchased; or an unmarried partner who is living with and financially dependent (or interdependent) on the policyholder when the guaranteed income is purchased.



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## **Flexibility:** reinvest surplus income



Guaranteed income can be held in the cash account or invested into any of our investment solutions without leaving the wrapper. Therefore:

- Not treated as a contribution as income hasn't left the wrapper
- Not taxed as it hasn't left the scheme
- Access when needed and annuity income can be re-started at a later point

## Key aspects of a CRP

### Investment

Investment strategy  
Sequence of returns  
Inflation

### Income sustainability

Withdrawals  
Investment return  
Longevity

### Managing tax

Withdrawals  
Lifetime Allowance  
Death

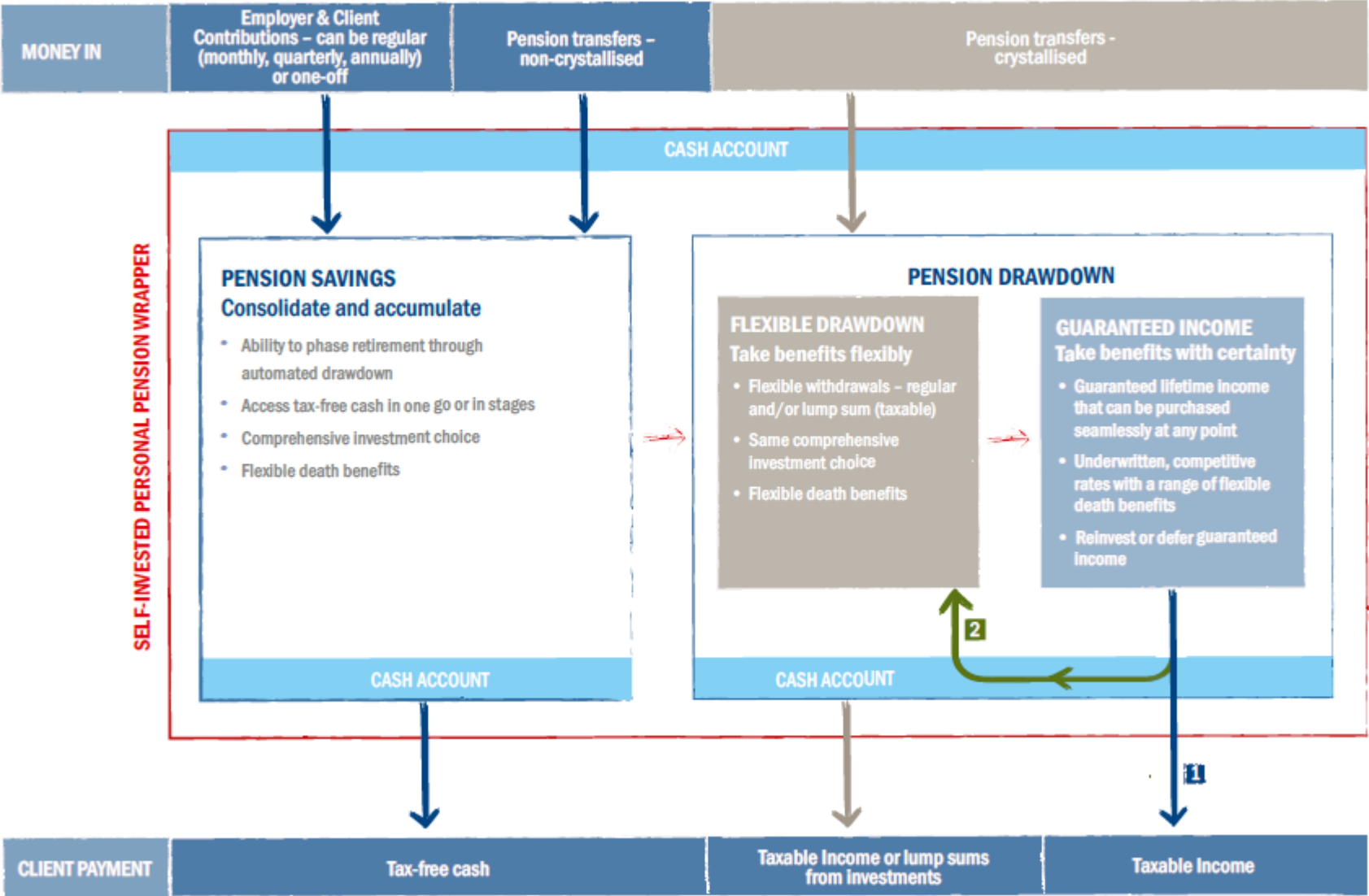
### Others

Vulnerable clients  
Death of partner/divorce  
Regulatory/political



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# The Retirement Account: product structure



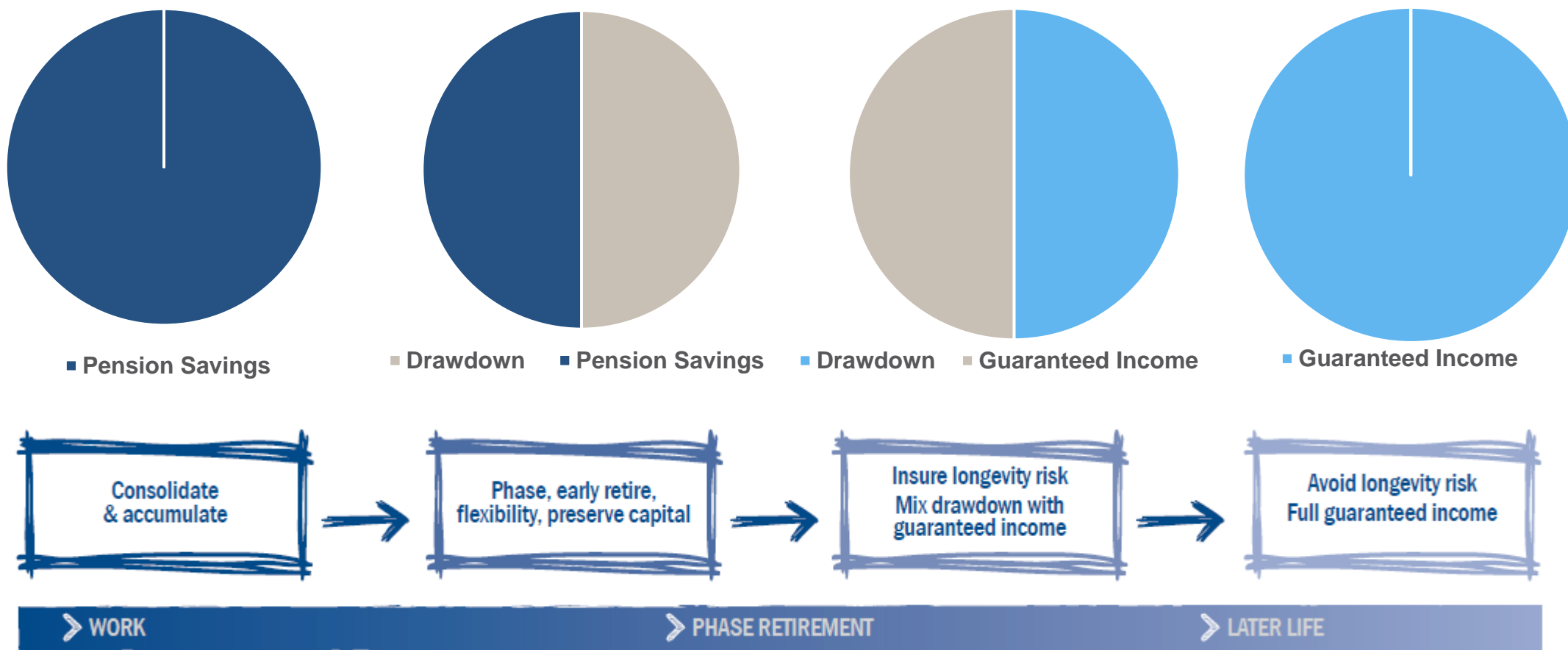
With guaranteed income, you can:-

- 1 Take income (taxable)
- 2 Reinvest income \*

\* Guaranteed income can be seamlessly reinvested in Pension Drawdown through any of our investment solutions or left in the cash account. No tax payable until the income is paid out.

# Integrated retirement account

It's suitable whether clients are still working, close or at retirement.



This is an example of how The Retirement Account may be used



# Phased Drawdown

The Retirement Account allows phased drawdown which provides clients with the ability to:

- Control the mix of tax-free cash and taxable income
- Phase only tax-free cash (MPAA will not apply so retain annual allowance)
- Phase tax-free cash and some income, (for example to use up the remainder of the basic rate band but not higher rate)
- Phase tax-free cash in stages (there's the potential to generate more tax-free cash from the accumulation replacing what's been spent – dependent on investment growth) \*

Early retirement

Tax  
planning

Reducing  
working hours

Bridging income  
gap

University  
fees

\*The value of investments can go down as well as up

## Do you have any clients like these?

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**Defined Benefit  
transfers**

**Defined  
contribution  
pension  
consolidation**

**70 + Income  
Drawdown**

**Drawdowns  
up to  
£300,000**

**Existing Guaranteed  
Pension plans**

**Low risk  
Investors  
80/20 Drawdown**

**Active  
Investment**

**Passive  
Investme**

**Blended  
Investment**

**Model  
Portfolios**

# So...

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Clients are looking for a solution with the following qualities ...

- ✓ Consolidation facility so they have everything in one place
- ✓ The ability to make regular contributions or one off payments
- ✓ Flexible enough to change when their circumstances do
- ✓ Access to a wide range of investment options
- ✓ Tax-efficiency for themselves and their families with a range of death benefits
- ✓ True blend of pension savings, guaranteed income and pension drawdown

Welcome to **The Retirement Account**

You're in control

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\*As at 30 June 2019  
\*\*As at 30 December 2017

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- Operated in the UK since 1903
- Canada Life (UK) Ltd is part of Great-West Lifeco
- Financially strong

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