

**2005 No. 442**

**PENSIONS**

**The Pensions Ombudsman (Disclosure of Information)  
(Amendment of Specified Persons) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2005**

*Made* - - - - *7th October 2005*

*Coming into operation* - *1st November 2005*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 145(7)(a) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(a), and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Pensions Ombudsman (Disclosure of Information) (Amendment of Specified Persons) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2005.

**Amendment of section 145(6) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993**

2. In section 145(6) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(c) (procedure on an investigation by the Pensions Ombudsman: persons to whom information may be disclosed) after paragraph (m) there shall be added the following paragraphs—

- “(n) a body corporate established in accordance with paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 17 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000(d) (the scheme operator of the ombudsman scheme),
- (o) an ombudsman as defined in paragraph 1 of that Schedule (interpretation).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 7th October 2005.



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A senior officer of the Department for Social Development

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(a) 1993 c. 49; subsection (7) was added by Article 155(1) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22))  
(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481  
(c) Subsection (6) was added by Article 155(1) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and amended by paragraph 70(2) of Schedule 5 to the Bank of England Act 1998 (c. 11), Article 135 of S.I. 2001/3649 and paragraph 20 of Schedule 10 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1))  
(d) 2000 c. 8

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends section 145(6) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 by adding the body corporate which operates the Financial Ombudsman Service and any ombudsman of that service to the list of persons to whom the Pensions Ombudsman may disclose any information which he obtains for the purposes of an investigation, if he considers that the disclosure would enable or assist that person to discharge any of his functions.

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