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Important Announcement to members and potential members of the following pension schemes ("the Schemes")

The Birkdale Partnership Pension Scheme
The Emissiono Pension Scheme
The Milton Associates Pension Scheme
The SCCL Pension Scheme
The Visolaris Pension Scheme

This Announcement is being sent to members and potential members of the Schemes. Therefore, you may receive a copy of this Announcement even if your transfer of pension benefits into any one of the Schemes did not ultimately go ahead.

Suspicious Calls

We have recently received notification that members of the public connected to the Schemes may be receiving calls from a third party offering the return of their pension benefits in exchange for an upfront payment to the value of a percentage of their alleged transfer to the Schemes; this could be described as a 'penalty clause'. We are investigating this matter and will take whatever action is necessary.

If you are similarly contacted and are asked to make an upfront payment or provide personal information, **please do not do this.** Please instead contact Dalriada with the details of the call on 028 9041 2757 or via email at administration@dalriadatrustees.co.uk.

Please also be reminded of our previous guidance on what to do should you receive a cold call.

Cold Calling

Unsolicited calls about your pension became illegal on 9 January 2019. Companies that make unwanted, unsolicited phone calls to people about their pensions may face enforcement action, including fines.

The ban prohibits cold calling in relation to pensions, except where the caller is authorised by the FCA, or is the trustee or manager of an occupational or personal pension scheme, and the recipient of the call consents to calls, or has an existing relationship with the caller.

If you receive a cold call about your pension, get any information you can, such as the company name or phone number and report it to the Information Commissioner's Office via their website or on 0303 123 1113.

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What should I do if I have any further questions?

Should you have any queries in relation to this Announcement or your membership of the Scheme, please contact us.

You can contact us as follows:

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Via e-mail: <u>administration@dalriadatrustees.co.uk</u>

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