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To: i-Connect Users  
At: i-Connect Employers

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Dear Colleagues,

### **i-Connect Progress and Software Update Release**

This circular provides employing authorities with a brief update on the progress of the i-Connect project, information on the upcoming i-Connect software release and details of recent personnel changes within the i-Connect Implementation Team.

### **i-Connect Progress**

A total of 84 employers have now completed the onboarding process and are making their own regular submissions via i-Connect. The current phase of the project, Phase 3, will end in January 2023, with employers submitting figures using the extract method being allotted an extension up to June 2023. Phase 4 of the project is scheduled to run from January 2023 to September 2023, with some employers within this phase accepting our offer of early onboarding.

### **i-Connect Software Update Release**

We are set to rollout an i-Connect update this month, which has been called the Rhine release. Details regarding the changes being implemented in this release are provided in the attached employer release guide, with the key changes relating to reconciling contributions and member search improvements.

Please note, LGS6 – Remittance Forms must still be submitted after the software update. Employers will be notified when these forms are no longer required.

## **Change in Implementation Manager**

I, Martin Robinson, have taken over the post of i-Connect Implementation Manager and am now the primary contact for the project. I have been a member of our Pensions Administration Team for over six years and have worked on the i-Connect Implementation Team since February last year. Please update your contact details so all queries are sent to [i-connect@nilgosc.org.uk](mailto:i-connect@nilgosc.org.uk).

If you have any queries regarding i-Connect, please do not hesitate to contact us by email using the above address. Alternatively, please contact us on 0345 3197 320.

Yours sincerely

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