**The Health and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme 2020**

The Minister for Health has announced that staff who are performing vital frontline HSC or social care work during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak may be eligible for a life assurance scheme, recognising the increased risks they are currently facing.

In the event of a staff member dying due to COVID-19 a lump sum payment of £60,000 will be made to their estate, if they meet the qualifying work-related criteria for the scheme. The life assurance scheme is non-contributory, meaning there is no cost to staff or employers.

Further details regarding the life assurance scheme, including the benefit claim form, will be made available on the HSC Pension Service website in the coming days.

The form should be completed by the deceased’s legal personal representative/Next of Kin (NoK) and will need to be certified by the deceased’s employer.

To complete the form, the legal personal representative will need the following information:

* the deceased’s details
* the legal personal representative’s/NoK details
* employment information regarding the deceased
* the cause of death as listed on the death certificate
* payment details

The legal personal representative/NoK will also need to provide the employer with the following supporting documentation:

* the death certificate; and either
* a grant of probate, or
* letters of administration

The employer will then need to complete a section of the form and forward the benefit claim form, along with certified copies of the supporting documentation, to the HSC Pension Service for processing.