

Retirement Policy - No Fixed Retirement Age

Retirement age

We currently do not have a fixed retirement age although this will be reviewed from time to time with a view to introducing a fixed retirement age if this would reflect the needs of the Church and providing that such a change would be objectively justified.

You are therefore free to retire when you wish to do so and will not be pressurised into retiring because you have reached, or are approaching, a certain age.

Discussing your future plans

You may wish to discuss your short, medium and long-term plans as the need arises. We may also want to initiate these discussions with you in order to plan for the needs of the Church. For example, if your circumstances change, you may want a different working pattern or to stop work altogether. There is no obligation for us to hold workplace discussions about your future plans but it may be mutually beneficial to do so in order to ensure that we can plan for the future of the Church.

If a workplace discussion does take place, we will aim to make it as informal as possible. We will not assume that you want to retire just because you are approaching a certain age and we will not make discriminatory comments, suggesting that you should move on due to age.

We will not make generalised assumptions that performance will decline with age, whether due to competence or health issues. If we think there are problems with your performance or ill-health, these will be dealt with in the usual way, through our Capability Procedure or Sickness Absence procedure.

Giving notice of retirement

If you have decided to retire, we would appreciate as much notice as possible, although you should give at least the notice you are obliged to give under your contract of employment.