

# Important Information About Our Services

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# Welcome to Blakeway & Hunt Ltd

### Who are we and what do we do?

We are a firm of independent financial advisers and have been helping our clients to meet their financial goals for over 15 years. As Independent Financial Advisers, we believe in establishing and maintaining long term relationships so we can navigate our clients through their financial journey.

We are an appointed representative of TenetConnect Services Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). The FCA is the independent regulator of financial services in the United Kingdom. TenetConnect Services Limited is entered on the Financial Services Register (<a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/register">www.fca.org.uk/register</a>) under reference **150643**.

### Who is TenetConnect Services Limited?

TenetConnect Services Limited is wholly owned by Tenet Limited, which is wholly owned by Tenet Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenet Group Limited ('TGL'), a leading distributor of financial products and services in the UK. TGL is majority owned by the following corporate shareholders; AEGON UK Distribution Holdings Ltd (22%), Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited (23%), Aviva Life Holdings UK Ltd (24%) and Standard Life Aberdeen PLC (25%). Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited and Aviva Life Holdings UK Ltd are both companies within the Aviva plc group.

Their address is: TenetConnect Services Limited, 5 Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5AZ. Tel: 01132 390011.

To find out more about TenetConnect Services Limited and the support and backing they provide us with, please visit their website www.tenetgroup.co.uk/consumer

# What can we do for you?

Our mainstream service is to act on your behalf for the purpose of arranging and advising on the following:

- Investments & Pensions, for example an ISA or Personal Pension Plan;
- Personal & Family Protection, for example a Life Assurance or Critical Illness Plan;
- Mortgages, including Buy-to Let;
- Releasing equity from your home (Equity Release);
- General Insurance, for example Buildings, Contents or Private Medical.

For all the services described above we will complete a detailed fact find so we can understand your circumstances, specific needs and objectives to determine if these services are suitable for you. We will then undertake research in order to provide a personal recommendation(s) and related information relevant to your individual circumstances. If, after due consideration you would like to accept any or all of our recommendation(s), we will then implement them and arrange any products and/or related services on your behalf.

Once your financial plans are in place it is important to keep them under review. Subject to the type of services you require from us, we can continue to act on your behalf through one of our service packages. Alternatively, for those who prefer a more transactional or ad-hoc 'pay as you go' service, we are also happy to provide our services as and when you need them. Ultimately, whichever type or level of service you require from us we will act in your best interests at all times.

Further details about these and other related services we provide are contained in the pages below. This also confirms the typical cost of our services and how we get paid for them.

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Before you consider our services in more detail we would like to draw your attention to the following important information:

When we have discussed and agreed with you the services that we are to provide we will confirm this to you in a Client Agreement. This will describe the scope and specific services to be provided including any on-going services, the cost and how it can be paid for. It will also confirm how we use and store personal information that we collect from you in the course of providing our services. A copy of our standard Client Agreement is available on request.

From time to time it may be necessary for us to collect personal information from you, prior to concluding a written Client Agreement, to assess whether we are able to meet your needs. In this event we will clearly identify the data to be collected and will use it only for the purpose of assessing our ability to provide services to you.

Under the terms of Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulations we will classify you as a retail client for investment and pensions business. As a retail client you have the right to request re-classification as an elective professional client. This may be generally or in respect of a particular service, type of transaction or product, and is subject to the following:

- All requests for re-classification must be made in writing;
- We will consider such requests on a case by case basis against the criteria set out in FCA rules.
- We will confirm the scope of any re-categorisation along with the consumer protections you will lose as a result.
- You must keep us informed of any change to your circumstances that could affect your classification

We will not advise you if you are experiencing difficulties managing debts. Free help and advice about managing your debts is available by contacting the Money Advice Service via its website: <a href="www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk">www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk</a>

### **INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INVESTMENT & PENSION SERVICES**

We offer a range of services to help you meet your investment and retirement objectives. We provide independent advice, which means that our recommendations to you will be based on the following selection criteria:

- 1. We will determine which, if any, of the following types of investment or pension products are capable of meeting your needs, along with any associated 'tax wrappers' available (e.g. an ISA):
- Open Ended Investment Company Funds (OEICS) including Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), Unit Trusts and Investment Trusts;
- Personal Pensions, Stakeholder Pensions, Self-Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPs) and Annuities;
- Insurance Based Investments, including Capital Investment Bonds and Endowments;
- Structured Capital at Risk Products (SCARPS) and Structured Deposits;
- Certain Specialist Investments suitable for retail clients, including Venture Capital Trust (VCT) Investments and Enterprise Investment Schemes.
- 2. We will then consider a broad range of different providers of these products from a fully researched panel that is representative of the whole of the market available to financial advisers and which we review on a regular basis using factors such as the risks, costs, complexity and their competitiveness in the market place.

# **Related Service Providers**

Subject to your individual needs and objectives, we may also recommend that you hold and trade your investments and/or pensions in one place via a Platform Service. We may also recommend that some or all of your investments and/or pensions are managed by a Discretionary Investment Management Service (DIMS).

We will consider a broad range of these service providers from a fully researched panel that is representative of the whole of the market and which is also reviewed on a regular basis as described above.

We may recommend investments in the IFSL Sinfonia Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC). This investment company has been jointly developed between BNP Paribas and Sinfonia Asset Management Limited, a subsidiary of Tenet Group Limited. We may also recommend that you hold and trade your investments via Tenet Platform Solutions Limited, a subsidiary of Tenet Group Limited.

We may also recommend products or services related to your investment and pension needs which are not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. For example, cash deposits, National Savings & Investment Products (NS & I) or Inheritance Tax Planning (IHT).

# What can you expect to pay for our investment and pension advice?

A description of our initial and ongoing services, their associated costs and payment terms, is provided below.

The amount we charge and the basis of the payment will depend on the service you choose and your individual circumstances.

We will discuss your payment options with you and answer any questions that you may have. We will let you know if you have to pay VAT on the cost of our service.

It is possible that other costs, including taxes related to the business we conduct and products we arrange for you, may arise. These costs will not be paid by our firm but borne by you.

Our typical fees for advice and arranging an investment or pension on your behalf are set out below. Where hourly rates are stated, these are the actual hourly rates that will apply. There is an additional charge should you purchase one of our ongoing service packages. The typical cost of our ongoing services and what they include is also set out below. You can cancel our on-going services at any time.

# **Initial Advice Services**

For all new clients we offer an initial meeting at our expense. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss your needs and our services. We usually conduct this meeting at your chosen venue or with you over the phone, at a mutually convenient time.

Initial Service Description	Initial Service Fees		
Advising on and arranging lump sum investments,	For completing a fact find, undertaking research on your behalf and		
including advice on what to do with your pension	providing you with a recommendation, we charge a commitment fee		
arrangements at retirement (your living in retirement	of £250 (exc.VAT).		
options).	<del></del>		
	We will offset this against your acceptance and set up fees should you		
Service typically suitable for those with an existing	choose to go ahead with our recommendation(s).		
investment and/or pension portfolio, or a lump sum			
to invest of more than £10,000.	Payment due on acceptance of our recommendation and/or set up of		
	a new investment or pension:		
	3% of the first £50,000 you invest plus		
	2% of the next £50,000 you invest plus		
	1% thereafter on what you invest.		
	For example; if you invest £100,000 your Adviser Charge would be		
	£2500 (exc. VAT)		
	If the value of your portfolio and any new investment is £100,000 the		
	fee due to us would be £2,500 less £250 commitment fee = £2,250		
	(exc. VAT).		
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Advice and arranging a new regular contribution	For completing a fact find, undertaking research, providing a personal
investment or pension plan, including a top up to an	recommendation and arranging the new investment/pension or top
existing arrangement.	up to your existing arrangement.
This service is suitable for those who only want to	New Investment/Pension Plan:
save a regular amount, for example every month by	
direct debit.	Payment due on acceptance of our recommendation: £600 (exc. VAT).
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It would typically suit those with a budget of at least	
£250 per month for a new regular investment or	
pension.	

# **On-Going Advice and Review Services**

We offer an on-going review service. There is an additional charge for any ongoing work, such as periodic or ongoing reviews, we carry out on your behalf. We will confirm the rate, frequency, and length of this ongoing service before beginning any ongoing servicing work for you. You can cancel our ongoing services at any time.

Service Description	Service Fees	
Our service is typically suitable for those who prefer a	Our review service is available for <b>0.5%</b> of the value of your portfolio	
consultative approach & ongoing contact with their	per year and is charged on a monthly basis at the rate of 1/12th of	
adviser to assess continued suitability of our	0.5% per month.	
recommended solutions.		
	For example: If your portfolio was worth an average of £25,000 over	
The service includes:	a 12 month period, the average monthly charge would be £125 / 12	
<ul> <li>Review meeting, at least annually;</li> </ul>	= <u>£10.42 per month.</u>	
Valuation Statement and Performance		
Review;	If your portfolio was worth an average of £50,000 over a 12 month	
Access to your adviser should you need us	period, the average monthly charge would be £250 / 12 = £20.83	
in the meantime.	per month.	
	Please note: The exact amount we charge each month will depend	
	on the value of your investment and will increase if the value of	
	your portfolio goes up.	

# **Ad-Hoc or One-Off Review Service**

This service is typically suitable for those who don't want to pay for regular reviews by their adviser and prefer to monitor things themselves. Upon request, we are happy to offer one off or 'ad-hoc' reviews of an investment/pension we set up for you should the need arise.

The cost of this service will vary depending on the complexity of the work and how long it takes to complete. Our adviser charge for this service is £150 per hour (exc. VAT).

# A typical review will include:

- Updating the information we already hold about you;
- Re-confirming your objectives and risk profile;
- Providing you with recommendations regarding the on-going suitability of your portfolio, and;
- Subject to your agreement, implementing any adjustments to your portfolio we recommend e.g. fund switches.

**Example cost:** For a portfolio containing 2 separate arrangements (for example a personal pension and an ISA) we would expect a typical review to take approx. 3 to 4 hours calculated in 15 minute intervals.

For example, if it took us 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete a review, our fee would be £525 (exc.VAT).

# What are your payment options?

- We accept direct payment by bank transfer or cheque.
- We do not accept cash, debit cards or credit cards.
- We will tell you if it is possible to settle our fees through a deduction from your investment/pension.
- For new investments and pension plans funded by regular contributions only, you can choose to pay our fees by instalments.
- We will allow you to settle our fee in up to 12 monthly instalments over a maximum term of 12 months.
- If you choose this option we will not provide you with any further services until all the instalments have been paid in full.
- If you choose to pay instalments as a deduction from your investment/pension, although you pay us nothing up front this does not mean our service is free. You are still paying us indirectly through deductions from the amount you pay into the product.
- These deductions will go towards settling our fee and will reduce the amount left for investment. An example of how this payment plan works in practice is set out below.

### **Example**

You choose to accept our recommendation to invest £250 per month into an investment product. Our fee for advice and arranging this on your behalf is £600. You choose to settle our fee in 12 equal monthly instalments deducted from your first 12 monthly contributions to the product, as follows:

Investment Frequency	<b>Contribution Amount</b>	Fee Deduction	Amount Invested
Month 1	£250	£50	£200
Month 2	£250	£50	£200
Month 3	£250	£50	£200
Month 4	£250	£50	£200
Month 5	£250	£50	£200
Month 6	£250	£50	£200
Month 7	£250	£50	£200
Month 8	£250	£50	£200
Month 9	£250	£50	£200
Month 10	£250	£50	£200
Month 11	£250	£50	£200
Month 12	£250	£50	£200
Month 13 onwards	£250	N/A	£250

- You can also choose to pay the fee instalments due to us directly from your bank account by standing order. For example a fee of £600 paid over 12 months would mean 12 monthly instalments of £50 are collected from your bank account. Standing orders are normally collected on or around the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.
- Please note that if you cancel your investment or pension product before our fee is settled in full, including cancellation during a statutory cooling off period, you will need to make alternative arrangements to pay our fee.

### Other benefits we may receive

If we take over the servicing rights of your existing arrangements that were arranged by another firm, we may be entitled to receive an on-going payment as a result. This is commonly referred to as 'trail commission'. Where this is the case we will offset the amounts received against our on-going service fees. For example, if our on-going service fee is £500 and we receive £200 trail commission from existing arrangements retained as part of your portfolio, the net fee due to us would be £300 (exc. VAT).

Some of the firms whose products we recommend provide us with access to training and software which allows us to offer you a better service. Some of the costs of these benefits may be passed onto you as part of the total charges you pay, should you choose to purchase a product from one of these firms. Further information regarding these arrangements is available on request.

We are not otherwise permitted to receive or retain any financial inducements, significant gifts or hospitality from investment product providers, for arranging investments.

# **Other Specialist Services**

As part of the TenetConnect Services Limited Network of Financial Advisers we have access to support services and specialist expertise you would normally expect from a large organisation. Where it is in your best interest we may offer to refer you to another firm within the same Network for specialist services.

With your permission, the other firm may carry out research on our behalf or alternatively advise you directly. The total cost of this service, including our fees for any preparatory work the other firm relies on, will be no higher than our standard tariff of fees and charges stated above.

### INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INSURANCE SERVICES

### **Personal and Family Protection**

We are insurance intermediaries who offer products from a range of insurers based on a fair and personal analysis of the market for Life Assurance, Critical Illness Cover, and Income Protection Insurance.

### **General Insurance**

We are insurance intermediaries who offer products from a range of insurers based on a fair and personal analysis of the market for Buildings & Contents, Accident Sickness & Unemployment and Private Medical Insurance.

### How much do we charge for our insurance services?

Typically, we will not charge you a fee for advice and arranging an insurance product. We will receive commission from the insurer and this is reflected in the premium amount you pay to them. The amount of commission we receive will vary depending on the type of contract, term of the cover and the premium amount.

We will tell you how much commission we expect to receive before we transact business for you. You will receive a quotation, which will tell you about any other fees relating to any particular insurance policy we arrange for you.

You also have the option to pay for our insurance services by way of a fee. The amount we charge will depend on the amount and complexity of the work required.

Our standard rate of £150 per hour will apply and is charged in 15 minute intervals. For example if we spent 3 hours and 30 minutes preparing a recommendation and arranging the insurance product for you, our fee would be £525 (exc. VAT). Our fee becomes payable when we provide you with our recommendation(s).

We are not otherwise permitted to receive or retain any financial inducements, significant gifts or hospitality from insurance product providers, for arranging insurance contracts on your behalf.

# **INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MORTGAGE SERVICES**

### Whose products do we offer?

We offer a comprehensive range of mortgage products from across the market. We offer both first and second charge mortgages, but not deals that you can only obtain by going direct to a lender.

For those seeking to increase their existing borrowing, alternative finance options may be available and more appropriate for your needs. For example, a further advance from your existing lender or an unsecured loan (e.g. a personal loan). For those seeking a 'Retirement Interest Only Mortgage', a 'Lifetime Mortgage' may be available and more appropriate for your needs.

# How much will you have to pay for our mortgage services?

For establishing your needs, undertaking research and making a recommendation, we charge a typical fee of 0.35% of the amount borrowed. Depending upon the complexity of your circumstances this fee may be higher or lower, however, this will be agreed with you in advance of engagement to use our mortgage service.

As an example: If you borrowed £100,000, our fee will be £350. We will also receive commission from the lender.

You will receive a key facts illustration when considering a particular mortgage, which will tell you about any fees relating to it.

Our fee becomes payable when we provide you with our recommendation(s).

If you choose to proceed with our recommendation and the mortgage goes ahead, we will also be paid commission from the lender for arranging the mortgage on your behalf.

If you apply for a mortgage that does not go ahead, you will receive no refund.

The amount of commission we receive varies from lender to lender. Information about the range of commissions available to us from the mortgage products we recommend is available on request.

You will receive a personalised illustration when considering a particular mortgage. This will highlight the key facts about the mortgage product including any fees relating to it and the amount of any commission due to us from the mortgage lender.

### INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EQUITY RELEASE SERVICES

# Whose products do we offer?

Equity release products are either lifetime mortgages or home reversion plans. We offer a comprehensive range of equity release products from across the market but not deal's that you can only obtain by going direct to a product provider.

For establishing your needs, undertaking research and making a recommendation, we charge a typical upfront fee of £250 which will be payable for initial advice and production of a report. In addition, a fee of £499 will be payable when you apply for a lifetime mortgage or a home reversion plan. This gives a total payable of £749.

We will also be paid commission from the company that lends you money or buys your home. Our £250 fee for initial advice & production of a report is payable upfront & our £499 fee becomes payable when we are engaged by you to implement & apply for your lifetime mortgage or home reversion plan.

If you choose to proceed with our recommendation and your equity release goes ahead, we will also be paid commission from the product provider for arranging the lifetime mortgage or home reversion plan on your behalf.

If you apply for a lifetime mortgage or home reversion plan that does not go ahead, you will receive no refund.

You will receive a key facts illustration when considering a particular equity release product which will tell you about any fees relating to it.

### INFORMATION ABOUT OUR OTHER RELATED SERVICES

# **Non-Advised Services**

We will tell you how we get paid and the amount before we carry out any business for you.

# **Credit Broking**

We are also credit brokers. This means that if you require a loan other than a mortgage (for example, a personal loan), we can refer you to a specialist third party who can discuss your specific needs with you. We will not advise you on this type of borrowing and you will need to make up your own mind whether to go ahead or not.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT?

If you are unhappy with the service you have received or a product we have arranged on your behalf, a copy of our complaints procedure, which sets out how we will handle your complaint, is available upon request. If you would like to make a complaint please contact us either in writing to: **Complaints, TenetConnect Services Limited, 5 Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5AZ**; or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:complaints@tenetgroup.co.uk">complaints@tenetgroup.co.uk</a>; or by telephone: **0113 2390011.** 



If we are unable to settle your complaint or you are unhappy with our response, you may be able to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

Further information about the FOS is available from their website: <a href="www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk">www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk</a> or by calling them on 0800 0234567

### ARE WE COVERED BY THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME?



Yes, we are covered by the FSCS. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we are unable to meet our obligations. This will depend on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. The FSCS only pays compensation for financial loss and the limits are per person per firm, and per claim category, as listed below:

### Investments:

Arranging and advising on most types of investment (e.g. an ISA) is covered up to a maximum limit of £50,000 per person per firm.

### **Long Term Insurance Contracts:**

Arranging and advising on long term insurance contracts (e.g. a life insurance policy, personal pension or annuity) is covered for 100% of the claim without upper limit.

### **General Insurance Contracts:**

Arranging and advising on compulsory classes of insurance (e.g. employers liability), professional indemnity insurance, and general insurance contracts that pay out on death or incapacity due to injury, sickness, or infirmity (e.g. an accident & sickness policy) is covered for 100% of the claim without upper limit.

Arranging and advising on other types of general insurance contracts (e.g. Building and Contents) is covered for 90% of the claim without upper limit.

# **Mortgages & Equity Release Products:**

Arranging and advising on mortgages and equity release products is covered up to a maximum limit of £50,000 per person per firm.

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Further information about the FSCS is available from their website: www.fscs.org.uk

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