

BHS pension scheme

I am the General Counsel for Rothesay Life Plc which acquired Paternoster UK Limited in January 2011. Accordingly, I can speak to interactions Rothesay Life have had and those we are aware of which Paternoster held and have been disclosed to us. Very limited numbers of original Paternoster personnel remain employed by Rothesay Life today.

I set out below a timeline which lists the known substantive interactions each company had concerning the 2 BHS pension schemes (BHS Pension Scheme and BHS Senior Management Pension Scheme). This is based on the recollections of senior management and some checks of our records. For the avoidance of doubt, neither Rothesay Life nor Paternoster has concluded any insurance transaction with the BHS pension schemes.

- 2005 – June 2006: We understand individuals who went on to found Paternoster held preliminary discussions with Arcadia about the BHS pension schemes but these were not advanced and no transaction was ever concluded
- June 2006: Paternoster UK Limited was authorised
- July 2007: Rothesay Life was authorised
- January 2011: Rothesay acquired Paternoster UK Limited
- May 2013: PwC (on behalf of the company) contacted Rothesay regarding the 2 BHS schemes and the potential for Rothesay Life to provide bulk annuity insurance for these schemes
- June 2013: Non-disclosure agreement (NDA) was signed between Rothesay Life Limited and BHS Limited and high level summary data regarding the BHS schemes was provided by PwC to Rothesay Life
- June 2013: Rothesay Life provided indicative feedback on bulk annuity pricing for the BHS pension schemes to PwC but there were no further discussions subsequently. For the avoidance of doubt Rothesay Life did not meet with BHS management or the trustees of the BHS pension schemes.

For completeness, I note that Rothesay Life and Paternoster have also had some dialogue over the years with Arcadia in relation to the Arcadia pension schemes but again this has not led to any concluded transactions.