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# The evolving retirement landscape



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- What are individuals doing with DC savings?
- How do the needs of retirees affect decisions about retirement income?
- How are combinations of savings and assets evolving?

# Why is the retirement landscape evolving?



- Future retirees are likely to:
  - ➤ Live longer
  - ➤ Take their State Pension later
  - ➤ Reach retirement with a greater reliance on DC savings as opposed to DB entitlement
  - ➤ Have near total flexibility in accessing savings
- The evolving retirement landscape:
  - ➤ Changes in the wider pensions landscape: DC on the rise
  - ➤ Legislative changes: Pension freedoms and Automatic enrolment
  - ➤ Demographic changes: increasing longevity
  - Changing transitions into retirement: no longer a single decision
- Future retirees will face more complex decisions

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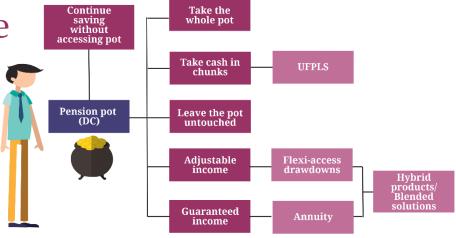


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## What are individuals doing with DC savings?



- On average, pots are being accessed at younger ages, and in many cases before retirement
- Pot size can influence retirement income decisions
- Decisions may also differ by age, although full withdrawal is the most commonly used option across all age groups
- However, most pots have not yet been accessed



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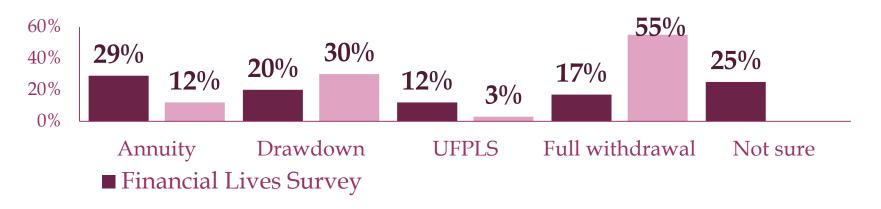


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# How do the needs of retirees affect decisions about retirement income?



- Many people have not given much consideration to how they will access their retirement savings
- There are low levels of understanding and engagement, even among people who have already accessed their pots



■ Pots accessed for the first time since October 2015 (FCA Retirement income market data)

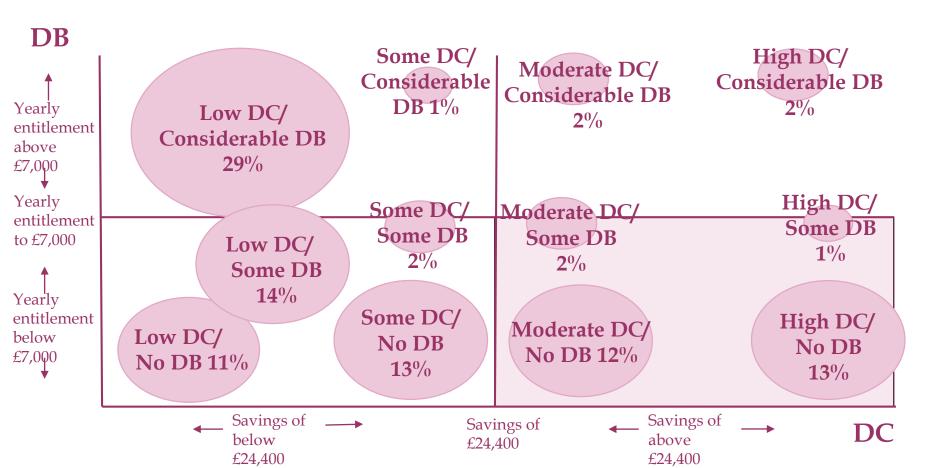
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Individuals with moderate to high levels of DC savings and no or low DB entitlement are most at risk of making decisions that can have a significant negative impact on their retirement outcomes



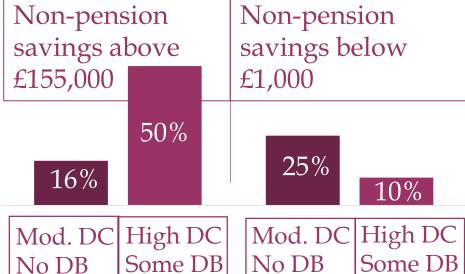


## The average 'at risk' individual





80% - 100% are homeowners Around half of homeowners own without mortgage







Levels of non mortgage debt are around average - £8,000

# How are combinations of savings and assets evolving?



- These 'at risk' groups are currently relatively small, but they will grow in the future
- There will be an increasing number of people reaching retirement faced with decisions that have the potential to have a significant negative impact on their retirement outcomes

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#### **NEST's current member base**

Total base: 6.5 million

3.8 (m) active

2.7 (m)Inactive

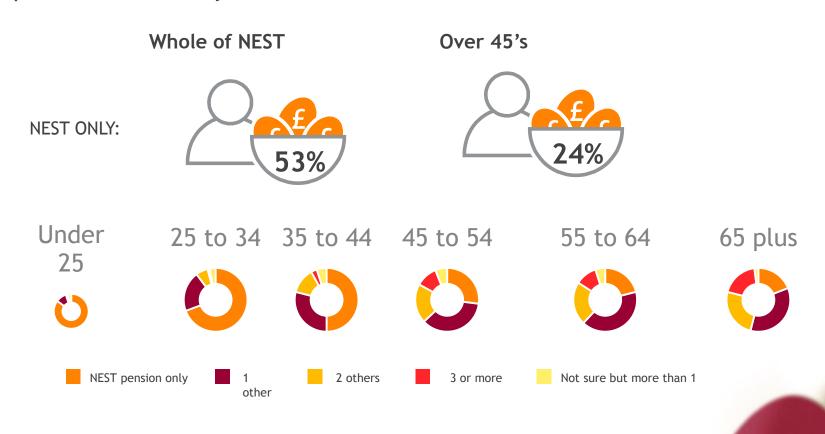
1.0 (m) registered

Metric	Number
Total members	6.5 million
Active members	3.8 million (59%)
Registered members	1,014,063 (16%)
Retirements processed	36,474 (1%)
Opt-outs	595,355 (8%)



## **NEST** member demographics

#### Other pension schemes held by NEST members

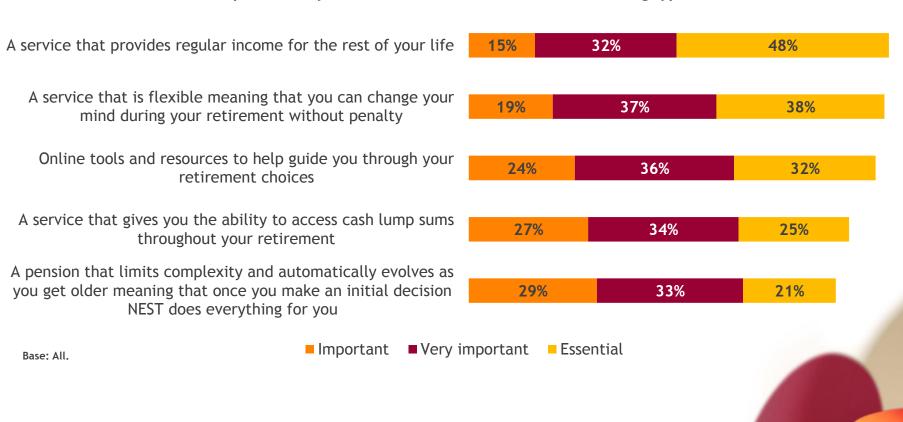


#### NEST member expected outcomes - what they currently expect



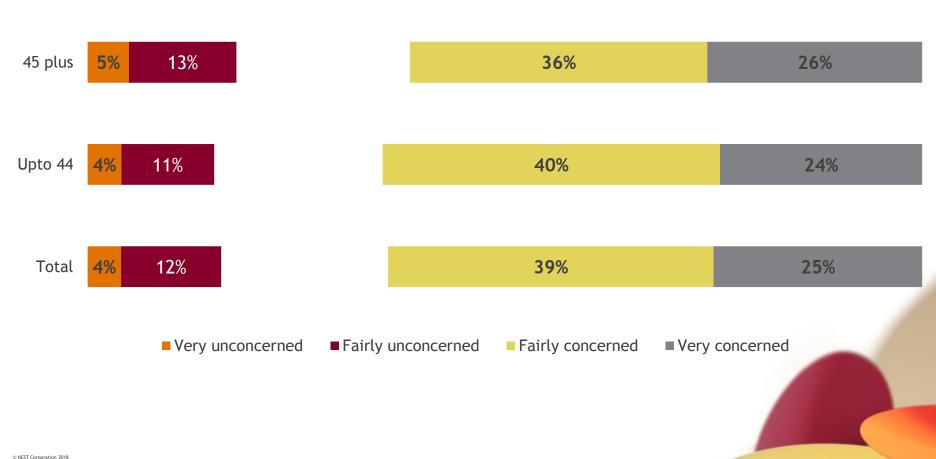
## What members would like from a retirement solution.... income for life and flexibility

#### How important do you think it is that NEST offers the following types of solution?



## Just under two thirds of members think they'll feel concerned when making decisions at retirement

How concerned do you think you'll be when it comes to deciding what to do with your pension pots at retirement?



### Education vs nudges - a false conflict?

## The 'old' way - informed choice

The challenge

Low financial literacy / asymmetries of information

The solution

Education and information create active consumers acting in their own interest

#### The 'new' way behavioural finance

The challenge
Behavioural biases

The solution

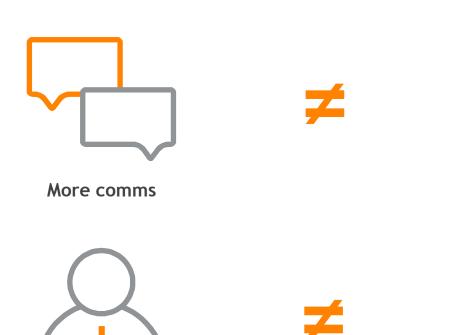
Defaults and other nudges use these biases to encourage 'good' behaviours

... but are these approaches really in conflict?



## The need to change behaviours

More awareness

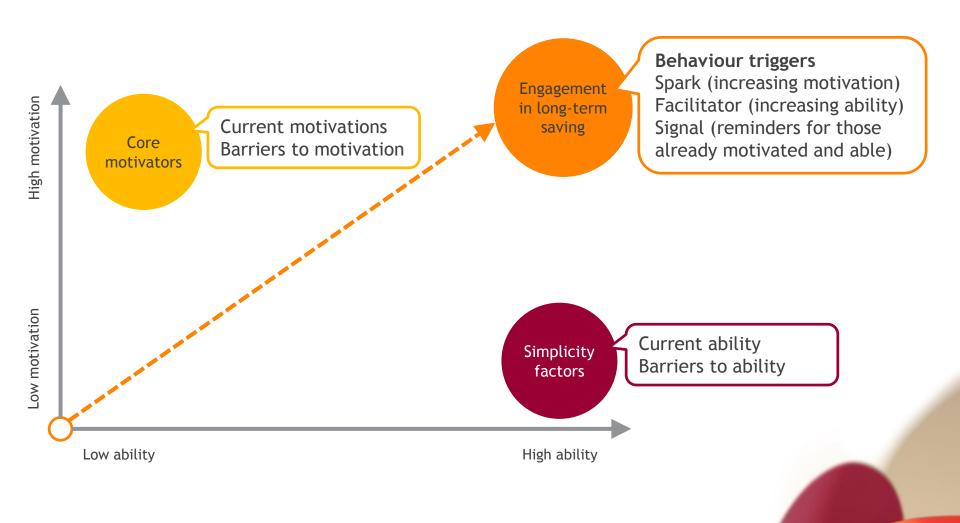




More awareness

## Changing behaviour: the Fogg model

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### **Guided Retirement Pathways**

- > sustainable income
- > manage investment risk
- > manage inflation risk
- > spend pots
- longevity protection
- offer flexibility
- > good value
- > strong governance



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## Thank you for coming

Please join us for refreshments