

Key Information Document - Ten Year Qualifying Savings Plan

Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

'10 Year Option Plan (Qualifying)' is manufactured by Metropolitan Police Friendly Society Limited (Metfriendly). Visit www.metfriendly.org.uk or call 01689 891454 for more information. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is the competent authority of Metropolitan Police Friendly Society Limited. This KID was produced on 30 September 2024.

What is this product?

Type	Ten Year Qualifying Savings Plan
Objectives	To provide a lump sum at the end of 10 years. To allow you the option of leaving the money accumulated in the plan invested with Metfriendly until you choose to cash it in. To provide a guaranteed minimum payment - called the "Sum Assured" - on death. Your premiums are invested in Metfriendly's With-Profits fund which is made up of equities, commercial property, bonds and cash. At the end of each calendar year, we normally add a bonus to all your investments and send you a bonus notice. Once added, bonuses are permanent additions to your investment with us. Provided you invest for at least 10 years, we normally add a final bonus when you cash it in. A key factor in determining bonuses is the investment return on the With-Profits fund in recent years.
Intended retail investor	You must be a UK resident aged 18 or over, and you must work or have worked in the UK police service or be the partner or close relative of such a person. You must take out your plan before age 50 (55 for non-smokers).
Insurance benefits	On death this plan will cease, and the current value of your plan will be paid to your estate. This sum will not be less than the Sum Assured. The value of the benefits is shown in the section entitled "What are the risks and what could I get in return."
Term	10 Years

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

Risk Indicator



Lower risk ← → Higher risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity of Metfriendly to pay you. You are entitled to receive back at least 93% of your capital. Any amount over this, and any additional return, depends on future market performance and is uncertain. However, this protection against future market performance will not apply if you cash in before 10 years. If Metfriendly is not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see the section 'What happens if Metfriendly is unable to pay out?'). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

Investment performance information

Your investment is in the Metfriendly With-Profits Fund, which primarily invests in a mixture of equities, bonds, commercial property, commodities, and cash. The return on your policy will depend on the investment performance of these assets less any charges.

Approximately half of the fund's assets are invested in a "multi-asset" fund with a broad range of equities, bonds, commodities, and other financial assets, approximately a third in corporate bond funds, and the remainder in four different commercial property funds and cash. By spreading our investments, the Society is not solely dependent on one market, fund manager or asset type and aims to produce more stable returns.

The Society increases the value of your policy by way of an annual bonus declared each year and final bonuses that may be added when you cash in your policy. These bonuses will reflect the way in which the with-profits fund has performed throughout the period of investment. In addition to the returns on the investments held within the fund, any bonuses will depend on other factors such as the profits and losses on the Non-Profit business written by Metfriendly.

The Society aims to avoid large changes in the amounts paid on comparable plans from year to year. This is known as “smoothing” and is designed to protect investors from some of the sudden movements in the stock-market. However, 'smoothing' cannot fully protect customers when investment conditions decline significantly or over long periods.

What could affect my return positively?

Your return could be boosted through better performance of investment assets held generating a greater investment return. The greatest impact will be if the “multi-asset” fund held by the With-Profits fund performs particularly well. This could be because investment markets as a whole perform well, or the individual assets selected by the fund managers perform better than the market. Similarly, the return from the bonds held by the fund could perform well because of a fall in UK or global interest rates, or periods of low inflation, or good credit worthiness of the governments and companies issuing the bonds held within the fund.

If our non-profit business or the Society’s inherited estate performs well, this profit may be passed across to the with profits policyholders and could also boost your return. Additional promotional or other bonuses may be added to the value of your investment and enhance your returns at the discretion of the Society.

What could affect my return negatively?

Your return could be negatively affected if the investment assets held by the With-Profits fund perform poorly. This could be that the stock markets give a poor return, or if the assets selected by the fund managers perform more poorly than the investment market as a whole.

Your return may also be impacted by charges you pay for the servicing and administration costs of your plan (see “What are the costs?”).

If Metfriendly experiences losses on its Non-Profit business or the Society’s inherited estate, then these losses could also be passed to with profits customers, reducing the return.

The exact amount you will get back will depend on how the fund performs during the period you hold the plan. If you make a withdrawal during first 3 years of your policy or during adverse or severe adverse market conditions, you are likely to get back less than you have invested.

What happens if Metfriendly is unable to pay out?

We’re covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If we can’t meet our obligations, you may be entitled to compensation from the Scheme.

This is a long-term insurance product, so this means you’re entitled to receive 100% of the whole of the claim. The service is free to consumers.

Further information is available from the FSCS: 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU, 0800 678 1100 (opening hours are: Monday to Friday – 9.00am to 5.00pm), www.fscs.org.uk

What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest £1,000 per year. The figures are estimates based on the Moderate scenario and may change in the future.

Costs over time

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

These costs are not fixed and may vary depending on the performance of the underlying fund.

Investment: £1,000 per year If you cash in after...	1 year	5 years	10 years
Total Costs (£)	197	81	1,490
Impact on return (RIY) per year (%)	19.72%	0.54%	2.42%

Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period;
- the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One – off costs	Entry costs	0.81%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.14%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.38%	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments. This includes the cost of death benefits.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	This product does not charge any performance fees.
	Carried interests	0.00%	This product does not charge any carried interest.

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended holding period: 10 years

The plan can be cashed in for a surrender value at any time. You can only cash in the plan completely, part surrenders are not permitted. Once you have been paying premiums for 6 years, the surrender value may exceed what you have paid in – but it could be less in the early years. Surrender values are based on premiums received until the 6th policy anniversary. A surrender penalty of 2 months' premiums applies until the 2nd anniversary and a penalty of 1 months' premium applies until the 4th anniversary.

How can I complain?

Please call 01689 891 454 to talk to one of our team. Alternatively, you can send your complaint in writing to: Metfriendly, Central Court, Knoll Rise, Orpington, BR6 0JA or email: complaints@mpfs.org.uk

We will investigate your complaint and send you a written acknowledgement. We will give you a full response seeking to resolve your complaint within eight weeks, or we will indicate when we expect to do so. If you are then still unhappy with our response you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR, telephone number 0800 023 4567 or by email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Other relevant information

On taking out this plan you automatically become a member of Metfriendly and are subject to our Rules which are available on our website. Further information is included in the product pages of the Metfriendly website. To find out more about our financial strength you can read our Solvency and Financial Condition Report (SFCR) on our website at www.metfriendly.org.uk/sfcr.

REMUNERATION: If our overall business targets are met, which could include some relating to the sale of these Metfriendly products, we may pay some of our employees a bonus. The total reward of an employee is the sum of an employee's salary, bonus, benefits and any other component. Employees do not receive any commission, fee or charge, in relation to any insurance distribution activities.