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Summary
This circular informs Fire and Rescue Authorities of the change in contract arrangements for Medical Appeal Boards, with effect from 1 October 2019.

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Introduction

1. This circular is to formally inform scheme managers and administrators of the change in contract for Medical Appeal Boards.
2. The Home Office is responsible for the procurement of a provider to manage boards of medical referees to conduct medical appeals under the Firefighters' Pension Schemes in England, Scotland and Wales.

Board of Medical Referees (BMR) Contract

3. The BMR contract held by Health Management Limited expired on 30 September 2019.
4. Following the completion of a formal tendering process, the Home Office has [confirmed](#) that it has appointed [Duradiamond Health Ltd](#) to provide the BMR from 1 October 2019 onwards. Any medical appeal cases referred to the BMR on or after 14 September 2019 will be considered by Duradiamond Health Ltd. Any cases referred to the BMR before 14 September will be seen through to conclusion by Health Management Ltd.
5. The contact details for Duradiamond Healthcare Ltd are as follows:

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