

If you're 55 or over, you can take your pension fund as a cash lump sum

Of course, it's hard to imagine how your income needs might change as time goes by...

There will be times when you'll want to spend more.

And there'll be others where you're happy to spend less

So one of the options you could consider is simply taking some of your money as and when you need it. This is called income drawdown.

You can change the amount of income you take at any time, as often as you like, and you won't be committed to withdrawing regular amounts.

But remember, you'll need to think about the tax implications.

You should also consider whether the amount of income you're taking will affect any means-tested benefits you may be receiving.

At no point will you have to take out money if you don't want to.

There are no limits on how much you can withdraw, so you could carry on doing this until your fund runs out. This means you'll need to be careful that you leave enough money for the rest of your retirement.

Whenever you take out money, the remainder of your fund remains invested, so it still has the potential to grow or go down in value.

Don't forget, you'll pay charges on the money you've invested, so you need to take these into account too.

You should always shop around so you can find an income drawdown provider that you're happy with and keep a close eye on the performance of your investments.

So, that's income drawdown – a way of taking your money a little at a time. A bit like the old saying 'You don't have to buy the whole pig just to get a sausage.'

On Screen wording:

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- You can receive Pension Wise guidance online, over the phone or face to face. Visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk for details.
- If you're not sure about your options at retirement you should seek appropriate guidance or advice.

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