case study 1: your journey to retirement – first step.

First step

Your situation

You have recently joined M&S and have been automatically enrolled into Your M&S Pension Saving Plan. The great news is that you are now saving for your future and M&S is paying into your savings too.

Let's explore some important factors that you need to think about.

Find your balance

Whilst saving for your retirement may not seem like a priority today, it is important to strike a balance between living for today and saving for your future. This balance is individual to you and your circumstances but you should ask yourself 'Am I saving enough money for the retirement I want?'

Set a target

Start by thinking about when you would like to retire and how much income you may need. You should also consider any debt you have and whether this can be cleared before retirement. If you start planning now you may be able to work towards being debt free when you retire, including paying off your mortgage.

Choose your investments

If you don't make any investment decisions, your contributions into Your M&S pension plan will be invested for you into the default investment fund.

Although this is considered a good starting point for most people, it may not be the most suitable approach for everyone. It is important to consider if it is right for you.

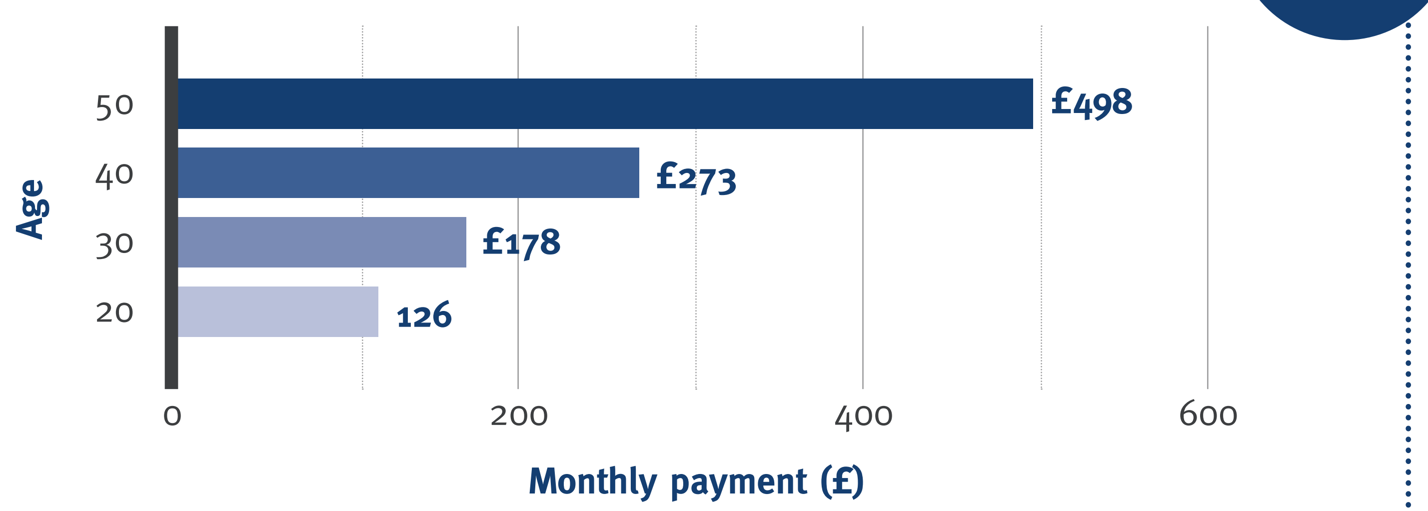
Example - Cost of delay

The example below illustrates the benefits of saving for your retirement sooner rather than later.

Target pension pot £100,000	**Retirement age** 65

Your potential monthly savings needed will depend on how old you are when you start saving. The earlier you start the lower your monthly payments.

The longer you save and invest for, the longer your money has to grow. As an example, if you pay £100 per month for 40 years, your pension pot could be worth more than if you had contributed £200 per month for the last 20 years.



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Always remember

It is your responsibility to save for the future that you want. The earlier you take control of your finances and retirement planning, the more likely you are to achieve the retirement that you want.

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