

Manweb Group and Abbey Life complete £1bn pension risk transfer

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In a pension risk transfer deal, Manweb Group, an electric power company in the UK and a participant in the £32bn Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS), has agreed to pay Abbey Life, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank, £1bn, to assume the longevity risk of 4,000 of its members.

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The deal was announced days after Legal & General transferred some of the longevity risk associated with its bulk annuity business to Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, citing uncertainties created by the Brexit vote.

Prudential said its ability to transfer risk was “unaffected” by the vote to stay out of the European Union.

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