# Sales Guide INCOME PROTECTION



## Income protection

Income is the glue that keeps your client's finances in place, but too many of them leave their income unprotected – a risk which we can take away.

## Did you know?



#### A market of millions

Less than 3.2 million people have income protection
– equivalent to just 10% of the working population. (ABI/ONS)



#### Few rainy day funds

68% of UK households have less than £10,000 in savings, whilst 35% have no savings at all. (The Money Charity)



#### Millions of working days lost

28.2 million estimated working days lost due to work-related ill health and non-fatal workplace injuries in 2018/19. (HSE)

#### ▶ Income protection: 3 key opportunities

## Self-employed

There are now over 4.8 million self-employed people in the UK. Income protection can help save them from financial hardship in times of ill-health.

(ONS)

## Protect a mortgage

11.7 million families are at risk of losing their home in the event of ill health. Income protection can help close this Mortgage Protection Gap.

(This is Money)

## Working women

The makeup of modern families is changing, a third of working mothers are now the main breadwinner of the household. Men are 3 times more likely to protect their income.

(IPPR Thinktank/The Exeter)

"The one protection policy every working adult in the UK should consider is the very one most of us don't have – income protection." (Which?)

# Income protection by The Exeter

Two key market segments. Two plans. The Exeter offers the income protection solution, regardless of what your clients do for a living.

## **Pure Protection Plus**

Is occupation neutral cover, making it highly competitive for clients who undertake physical, more manual occupations.



## **Income One Plus**

Bespoke cover for low risk occupations, those in professional, mainly office-based occupations – the largest sector of the income protection market.



## **Key policy benefits**



#### Own occupation, always

With some policies, the definition of incapacity can change according to a client's occupation or length of claim. We offer an own occupation definition for all, for ever.



#### Options to 'fix' benefits

For increased reassurance and a simplified claims process, you can choose one of two options to "fix" your clients' benefit, ideal for those with fluctuating incomes.



#### The ideal waiting period for any client

You can choose cover that begins from the first day of an illness – or you can choose a longer waiting period to reduce premiums.



## Flexible premium structure

Make the choice between premiums that increase with age, or stay level throughout the contract term (Income One Plus only) – so you can flex according to client and budget.



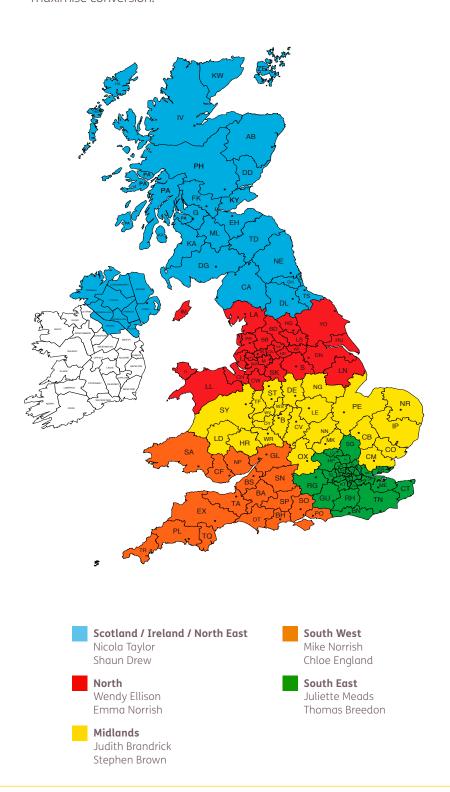
## **Limited claim periods**

Short-term claim period options of 2 and 5 years can dramatically reduce your clients' premiums.

#### A team to work with you

Our regionally based sales team are here to work with you to increase your income protection sales.

We offer training to improve your knowledge and confidence, content to help you generate leads and post application support to help you maximise conversion.



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## About The Exeter

# When you're not the biggest you need to be the best.

And it's our mutual status that helps us punch above our weight.

With no shareholders demanding dividends, we're free to re-invest all our profits in the things that are important to our members and advisers.

01.

#### We take care of you personally

We have real people on-hand to answer calls when you need to talk to us. What's more, they sit a stone's throw from our management team. So if an issue needs escalating, we can take care of it there and then.

02.

#### We put people before profit

Like any business we strive to make profit. But it's what we do with it that's important. As we've said before we don't pay dividends like big insurers, instead, we use our profits to improve the quality of our policies, keep premiums affordable, pay claims quickly and ensure our service is second to none.

03.

#### Our measure of success is paying claims

We always set out the terms of our policies in black and white. In the rare event a claims falls into a grey area, that might see other insurers shaking their heads - we pay out. Like you, our reputation means everything to us. Knowing we pay out means everything to our members.

<u>04.</u>

#### We're always right on the money

With any financial product, you want to know you're getting a good deal. At The Exeter, we regularly benchmark all our products against the market, checking our benefits and our price. So you are guaranteed to get quality cover at a fair price.

05.

#### We do more to cover more people

We don't pick and choose the people we cover based on computer algorithms or sweet-spot demographics. We consider every application on its merits - so we'll often say yes, when other insurers say no.

The friendly specialists in income protection, life cover, health insurance and cash plans.

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