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Dear Policyholder

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR UNIT-LINKED INVESTMENT**

In October, we wrote to let you know that we were undertaking a review of our unit-linked business. We have now completed that review and wish to share with you our conclusions.

The Equitable Life is in run-off and so becomes smaller each day as policyholders retire. In consequence, the income we receive from the charges levied on our unit-linked funds is insufficient to cover the costs of actually running that business.

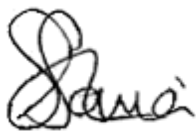
We propose to address this by reducing the number of funds that we currently administer and, in particular, we propose to close the Guaranteed Equity Fund to which your policy is linked from 15 January 2016.

The Questions and Answers overleaf explain in more detail how the changes affect you.

You can find details of our funds in the 'Policyholders' section of our website [www.equitable.co.uk](http://www.equitable.co.uk). You may wish to speak to an Independent Financial Adviser, to review which fund best meets your needs. A financial adviser will inform you of the fee that they charge for this service. The website [www.unbiased.co.uk](http://www.unbiased.co.uk) has details of advisers in your area.

If you would like to know more, do call us on 0330 159 1530.

Yours sincerely



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## Questions and answers

**Q1: Why are you closing the Guaranteed Equity Fund?**

**A1:** The Guaranteed Equity Fund is small in size and today has few investors. Consequently, the fund charges do not cover the cost to properly maintain the standards of supervision we think are essential.

**Q2: When are the changes happening?**

**A2:** You will remain invested in the Guaranteed Equity Fund until each annual sub-fund date when it will be switched on guaranteed terms into the Money Fund. The table below details each sub-fund and the date it will be switched.

Sub-fund investment	Switched to Money Fund on
Gtd Equity (April)	15 April 2016
Gtd Equity (July)	15 July 2016
Gtd Equity (October)	15 October 2016
Gtd Equity (January)	15 January 2017

Your last annual statement will indicate which of the sub-funds you are in.

**Q3: What will happen to any contributions I'm currently paying?**

**A3:** From 15 January 2016, any contributions you currently pay into the Guaranteed Equity Fund will instead be invested into the Money Fund. Any other contributions you pay are not affected.

**Q4: Why have you chosen the Money Fund?**

**A4:** The Guaranteed Equity Fund is a low risk fund which predominantly invests in fixed interest deposits. The Money Fund is also a low risk fund and can invest in all forms of interest-bearing money instruments where the capital is at low risk.

**Q5: Can I choose a different fund to switch into?**

**A5:** Yes. Do let us know if there is a different fund where you would like future contributions invested or your existing funds switched.

**Q6: Where can I find more information on the funds available?**

**A6:** In the 'Policyholders' section of our website [www.equitable.co.uk](http://www.equitable.co.uk).

**Q7: How will I know when you have made the changes?**

**A7:** You will receive our standard switch statement. This will confirm the number of units switched out and the price used.