# **Key Information Document**



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with the key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### Product

The My Choice life policy, is manufactured by Scottish Friendly Assurance Society Limited ('Scottish Friendly'). The investment option is the International Company Bond fund, which is manufactured by Scottish Friendly, and links to the Legal and General Fixed Interest fund. Visit www.scottishfriendly.co.uk or call 0333 323 5433 for more information. Scottish Friendly is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details can be found on the Financial Services Register – Registration No. 110002. This Key Information Document was produced on 01 February 2025.

## What is this product?

The product is a unitised whole of life assurance policy held within the Scottish Friendly ISA with a **Type** 

chosen investment option of the International Company Bond insurance fund.

**Objectives** My Choice is a unit linked whole of life assurance policy that aims to help your investments to

grow tax-efficiently. The chosen investment option of an International Company Bond fund aims to generate capital growth by investing in bonds issued by companies throughout the world. It invests in an underlying fund with the intention of actively managing a portfolio or bonds issued by companies, a large proportion of which will be UK based companies. The funds performance will be dependent on the credit worthiness of the company bonds purchased by the fund manager, the movement in long-term interest rates and the movement in currency exchange rates. ISA and tax

rules may change in the future.

Maturity This product does not have a maturity date. The recommended holding period is at least 5 years.

Scottish Friendly cannot unilaterally terminate this product.

Intended retail This product is intended for investors who are prepared to take on a medium-low level of risk, linked to investor

a portfolio of bonds issued throughout the world, selected by an expert fund manager, in a medium to

long-term arrangement.

The amount payable on death is 101% of the value of units held within the policy. **Insurance benefit** 

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.

The product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see section 'What happens if we are unable to pay you'). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

#### Performance scenarios

When money is invested it is exposed to risk, meaning that you may get back less than was invested. The outcomes experienced will come from the returns of the investment(s) which are held by the fund. This fund invests in Corporate Bonds (loans to companies) from around the world with a large proportion of these being from UK based companies. The funds performance will be dependent on the credit worthiness of the company bonds purchased by the fund manager. Movements in long-term interest rates and the movement in currency exchange rates will also impact the fund's performance. With a large proportion of the fund invested in the UK, the UK's long term interest rates and the relative value of sterling to other currencies will have a significant impact on the fund's performance.

## What could affect my return positively?

The credit worthiness of the company issuing the bonds held within the fund will have a significant impact on the fund's performance. With a large proportion of the bonds from UK companies the long-term interest rates within the UK will have an impact on the fund's performance.

## What could affect my return negatively?

A fall in credit worthiness could lead to companies not being able to repay their loans and would have a significant impact on the fund's performance. With a large proportion of the bonds from UK companies, changes to the long-term interest rates within the UK may have an impact on the fund's performance. Under severely adverse conditions returns of the fund could be negative meaning investments in the fund could fall substantially in value. Your maximum loss would be that you lose all of your investment.

## What happens if Scottish Friendly is unable to pay out?

If you buy a policy with Scottish Friendly and we cannot pay the full amount due, you may be entitled to compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The maximum level of compensation for claims against firms declared in default is 100% of the claim with no upper limit.

#### What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest £10,000 at outset. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

#### Table 1: Costs over time

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, we will provide you with information about these costs and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

£10,000	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in after 5 years (the recommended holding period)
Total costs	£171.81	£526.83	£897.52
Reduction in Yield per year	1.72%	1.72%	1.72%

#### **Table 2: Composition of costs**

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period.
- · The meaning of the different cost categories.

One-off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering into your investment.
	Exit costs	£0.00	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Recurring costs An	Portfolio transaction costs	0.43%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Annual Management Charge (AMC)	£0.00 - £5,000 = 1.50% £5,001 - £20,000 = 1.00% £20,001 and over = 0.50%	We take a fee each month to manage your fund. This is shown as an annual rate and referred to as an AMC.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	We do not take a performance fee from your investment.
	Carried interests	0.00%	We do not take carried interests from your investment.

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended minimum holding period: 5 years

This product has no minimum required holding period. It is designed to provide potential growth on investments over the medium to long term, so you should expect to leave your money invested for at least 5 years. You have access to your money at all times and can make a withdrawal without penalty.

# How can I complain?

If you wish to complain about any aspect of the service you have received you can contact us at Scottish Friendly, Galbraith House, 16 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4HJ. Tel: 0333 323 5433. www.scottishfriendly.co.uk/contact-us/email-enquiry

#### Other relevant information

Please note that the figures assume you invest £10,000 at outset, which is the required amount we are able to show based on the regulation for this product. As such this Key Information Document should be read in conjunction with the Product Guide and Terms & Conditions, which provides additional examples of what you could get back in the future based on you paying a lower investment amount.

Other policy documentation relating to this product, including the Product Guide and Terms & Conditions are available at www.scottishfriendly.co.uk/isas/my-choice-isa