



“LOVE OR MONEY”

**A parliamentary drop-in to show support for reform to police survivors’ pensions
Room U, Portcullis House | Tuesday 7 May, 14:00-16:00**

Dear **[NAME HERE]** MP,

The **National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO)**, with the support of campaigning coalition **Later Life Ambitions**, invites you to attend a parliamentary drop-in in support of their campaign calling for reform to police survivors’ pensions.

NARPO has long been calling for a UK wide policy on survivors’ pensions, which would see those who remarry or cohabit after the loss of their spouse retain their pension entitlement in full regardless of how their spouse died. This is the current model in Northern Ireland, and is the UK-wide policy for widows, widowers and civil partners of Armed Forces personnel.

In January 2023, the Court of Appeal ruled that police widows, widowers and surviving partners will still be forced to choose between love and money due to arcane rules that prevent the surviving partners of police from marrying again and keeping the pension to which they are entitled.

Despite this setback, NARPO remains committed to delivering justice for those whose loved ones devoted their lives to public service in the police. To show your support, NARPO cordially invites you to stop by **Room U in Portcullis House on Tuesday 7 May from 14:00 to 16:00** – an event kindly sponsored by **Shadow Pensions Minister Gill Furniss MP**.

The drop-in will give you an invaluable opportunity to meet and speak with those affected by the police survivors’ pension injustice, including people who have been campaigning of this issue. Members of the NARPO National Executive Committee will also be in attendance.

Established in 1919, NARPO represents over 90,000 retired police officers and staff from forces across England and Wales, as well as their partners, former partners, and those widowed both in and after service. Its primary concern is to promote measures for the welfare of members with particular regard to pensions and welfare. NARPO is an active member of the Public Service Pensioners Council, and – alongside the Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance and the National Federation of Occupational Pensioners – a founding partner of Later Life Ambitions, the group that for the past decade has worked to bring about a better future not just for its 250,000 members, but for the 11 million people in later life across the UK.

If you are able to lend your support to this important cause, please RSVP by responding to this email or by writing to laterlives@connectpa.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the National Association of Retired Police Officers