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To: Members of the NEC
All Branch Secretaries

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Dear All

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Following the success of previous attempts in 2019 and 2021, the NEC have agreed to rerun the process of mailing those Police Pensioners who are not currently NARPO Members. This is in support of our Membership plan and aims to tap into the large number (over 50,000) of police pensioners who have not already joined our organisation.

Although some Force Pensions Administrators are reluctant to engage in the process on the advice of their DPO, the process has previously been attempted following agreement with Equiniti, who are the Pension Administrators for the Metropolitan Police and other local police pensions administrators, who agreed that they would do a recruiting mail-out to non-NARPO pensioners on behalf of Local Branches. Equiniti, being satisfied that a mail out to non-members would be GDPR compliant.

This is an excellent and proven initiative, and we would encourage branches to liaise with their Force's Pension Administrators to seek an agreement that the same could be done in other Force areas. Obviously where there is more than one Branch in a Force area, we would expect the approach to be a co-ordinated one amongst the branches within that Force area.

If Branches can facilitate/arrange the same mail-out with their local pension administrators, then the NEC have agreed that funding for the initiative would be made available from HQ [dependant on agreement]. I would ask that if other Force Pension Administrators are willing to offer the same facility, Branches forward the relevant information of costs etc. to myself in the first instance, depceo@narpo.org for ratification by the CEO accordingly.

The only proviso to this being that the content of any letter sent out as part of the mail-out should be agreed with the CEO prior to mailing, template letters/guidance being available if required.

At the last scheme audit in 2020 there were approximately 168K police pensions in payment in England and Wales, an increase of 10.5% since the last audit in 2016. This clearly shows that there is a large target audience for NARPO to try and increase its membership numbers and I would encourage all Branches to enter discussions with their Pension Administrators to achieve increases in our membership.

Thank you in advance for your support, if you require any further information or guidance around this process, please feel free to contact me at: depceo@narpo.org

Yours sincerely,

Steve Wilcock
Deputy Chief Executive