



The voice of retired  
**Police Officers**



# Love or money

**Justice for police widows, widowers  
and surviving partners**

## ABOUT NARPO

Established in 1919, the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) represents over 93,000 former officers and staff from English and Welsh police forces, as well as their partners, ex-partners and those widowed both in and after service.

NARPO's primary concern is to promote measures for the wellbeing of members with particular regard to pensions and welfare.

NARPO is an active member of the Public Service Pensioners Council. Alongside the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance and the National Federation of Occupational Pensioners, it is a founding partner of Later Life Ambitions – the campaigning coalition that brings together over 250,000 pensioners.

## A CRUEL INJUSTICE

Following changes to the Police Pension Regulations concerning survivors' pensions, surviving widows, widowers and partners in England and Wales who chose to remarry, co-habit or enter a civil partnership face losing the pension they would otherwise have been entitled to. It's nothing less than a choice between love and money.

In Northern Ireland all widows, widowers and surviving partners of members of deceased police officers now retain their pensions for life.

Surviving widows, widows and widowers across of Armed Forces personnel across the United Kingdom also retain their partner's pension.

NARPO has long been calling for a consistent, nationwide policy on survivors' pensions, and has been as far as the Court of Appeal. Although the judges rejected the case, they accepted that this was in breach of the claimants' human rights.

The idea of having to choose between love and money may seem unimaginable, but for too many police widows, widows and surviving partners, it is their reality – and nothing short of a cruel injustice.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

By attending the 26 March parliamentary drop-in, you have already taken an important first step on the road to justice: you've taken the time to listen to police widows, widowers and surviving partners tell their stories in their own words.

The campaign doesn't stop here. We urge you to consider helping our cause in Parliament by:

- Submitting written questions
- Tabling debates
- Writing to the Home Secretary and Policing Minister

If you would like to discuss taking the campaign forward in Parliament, or if you require further supporting information, please write to: [laterlifeambitions@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:laterlifeambitions@connectpa.co.uk)