

Police Pension Scheme 1987 – Adult Survivors Awards

NARPO recently contacted retired police officers about the option previously available to increase the benefits that could be paid in the event of their death.

The information provided by NARPO **does not** affect members of NPPS2006 or CARE2015 and only some members of PPS1987 so please take the time to read the following information. This should reassure you that the correct level of benefits will be paid at the appropriate time and avoid you having to make an unnecessary enquiry with us.

If you have already contacted Kier we hope to be able to respond to your enquiry in the very near future. We are experiencing an unprecedented number of calls and would like to thank you for your patience.

Widows' pension

The widow of an officer who joined the Police Pension Scheme on or after 1 April 1972 will automatically receive a half-rate pension (i.e. half the officer's gross pension before commutation). In 1973, all active officers with pre-1972 service had the opportunity to up-rate their pre-1972 service to half-rate. This could have been done by paying a lump sum, paying additional pension contributions, or by the officer taking a reduction to his own pension.

A widow who married after the officer's retirement will be entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 5 April 1978 only.

Male Spouse/Civil Partner of a male officer

A pension payable to a man who is the surviving spouse or civil partner of a male officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 6th April 1988 only.

Widowers' pension

The widower of an officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 16th May 1990.*

Female Spouse/Civil Partner of a female officer

A pension payable to a woman who is the surviving spouse or civil partner of a female officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 16th May 1990.*

* In 1994, 2003 and 2006 female officers had the opportunity to elect to uprate service between 5th April 1988 and 16th May 1990 to count it towards a half-rate pension.

If, at the time an adult survivors pension is payable, and on the rare occasion there is no proof of uprating such as a reduction to the officers benefits or a copy of the form of election held on their pension record, we refer the matter back to the police force. If they are unable to provide a copy of a form of election they will make the decision as to the level of benefits to be awarded.