Police Pensioner Newsletter - 11 February 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of the SPPA's member newsletter. In this edition we give an update on 2015 Remedy, your pensions death benefits and our new online pension portal which launches later this month.

2015 Remedy

We are continuing to work on the remaining Remediable Service Statements (RSS) for members who are eligible for the 2015 Remedy.

Almost 90% of RSS have now been issued. The statements still outstanding are the most complex and need specialist manual processing, which is why they are taking longer to complete.

We will be writing to members who have not received their RSS soon to provide an update.

We are very sorry for the delay and appreciate your patience. If you are waiting for your statement, please be assured that any additional benefits you are entitled to as a result of your remedy choice will be backdated and interest will be applied.

Get ready for our new online pension portal

Our new online pension portal, called Engage, will be rolled out to Police Pension scheme members from Wednesday 18 February.

When can you login or create an account

We'll contact you when the portal is ready for you to login or create your new account.

Do you need to do anything to prepare

There is no action for you to take just now.

We will get in touch when Engage launches with instructions to help you create an account.

If you have an MSS account, what will happen to it

You won't be able to access your MSS account once Engage is available.

Don't worry though, when you login to Engage, you will see many of the same features that you are familiar with.

Death in retirement

If you pass away after retiring, we understand this can be a difficult time for your loved ones. They may be entitled to receive benefits from your pension. The exact support available will depend on the scheme you were a member of.

Survivors Pension

A survivors pension is payable to your:

- **surviving spouse**
- **civil partner**
- **nominated partner (2006 and 2015 scheme only)**

The amount payable is half of the net pension you were receiving at the date you retired.

Read more about **survivor pensions** on our website.

Children's pensions

Your children will receive a portion of your pension until age 18 or age 23 if they are in full-time education.

A child's pension may continue for life if they were dependant on you due to ill-health at the time of your death.

They would receive:

1987 scheme

- **18.75% each for one or two children**
- **35.7% shared equally between three or more children**

2006 and 2015 schemes

- **25% of your pension for a single child**
- **50% of your pension shared equally between two or more children**

Further information about **children's pensions** is available on our website.

How your dependents can report a death

If you pass away, your dependants should report your death to us so we can review any benefits that may be payable to them.

They can contact our Bereavement Team directly by **telephone or email**.

If they need to contact several government agencies, they may prefer to use the UK Government's **Tell Us Once** service instead. This service notifies most government organisations in Scotland, England and Wales, including the SPPA.

Whether they inform us directly or through the Tell Us Once service, we will check whether any payments or dependant benefits are due and send them the relevant claim forms.

Further bereavement support and advice is available on the **mygov.scot** website.

Annual pension increase

Your Police pension increases every April in line with inflation. The increase for 2026 will be confirmed in March after approval from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Parliament.

If you haven't been receiving your pension for a full year, you'll only receive a proportion of the annual increase.

If you’re under 55, the increase won’t be applied until your 55th birthday, unless:

you retired on ill-health

you receive an injury benefit

you receive a widow or widower’s pension, civil partner, partner or child pension