



PFEW Chairman Paul McKeever makes statement on public sector pay cap.....

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Following Chancellor George Osborne's statement that public sector workers will be subject to a 1% pay rise cap following the two year pay freeze Paul McKeever, Chairman, Police Federation of England and Wales made the following statement:

"I am shocked and disappointed to learn of the Chancellor's announcement of a two year 1% pay cap following the public sector pay freeze. This government continues to make policy in its jigsaw fashion – we simply do not know what inflation will be in four years' time – it is another case of unknown consequences.

This represents a further erosion of officers pay - who are already under significant financial constraint after nearly two years of frozen pay. With inflation over five percent and the pending detrimental changes to terms and conditions, as proposed by Tom Winsor, officers are going to be put under immense pressure over the coming years. For a government that claims to be making the fairest decisions for Britain the police seem to be bearing an exponential burden."