



Welcome to your October e-bulletin from your national Federation.

Many thanks to all of you who got in touch to tell us what subjects you would like to see discussed at Conference in May. Your suggestions have been passed to the Conference planning group for consideration. There were some key themes emerging, such as mental health, assaults on officers and protective equipment.

In your feedback from September's e-bulletin you told us you wanted to hear more on the issue of pensions so, in this edition, we have included a new pensions article informing you of the work we do at a national level and have set up an online discussion forum for you to put your pensions questions to PFEW's General Secretary, Andy Fittes. The forum will be held on **24 October at 7pm**. Instructions on how to join the discussion are included below.

PFEW's triennial election period was due to start this year. However regulations enabling us to carry out elections under the new process are still being developed by the Home Office. The new process will restructure the entire organisation but will not affect the service provided to members; it also allows voting for local and the national Chairs via a new electronic voting system.

We will not have two sets of elections in close succession; the current triennial period is going to be extended until the regulations are changed and the new voting process can take effect. We will let you know as soon as we hear more from the Home Office about when this might be. In the meantime, if you are thinking of standing to be a Federation representative, please contact your local branch to find out more about the role and positions available.

[Contact your local federation.](#)

Pensions

Live Online Q&A

24 October, 7pm



Online Pension discussion

You are invited to take part in a live online discussion forum with General Secretary Andy Fittes on the topic of pensions.

The forum, which takes place on **24 October at 7pm**, is an opportunity to hear about the work the PFEW does on pensions and receive an update about Andy's recent meetings with the Home Office. There will also be a live Q and A.

This is part of our ongoing work to engage with you and hear your views. We expect this session to be oversubscribed so we will arrange further ones and it will be available afterwards if you can't take part on the day.

Full instructions on how to register for the online forum can be found on the website via the link below.

[Read more](#)

Please note Andy will be unable to provide individual pensions advice or forecasts.



The work we do for your Pension

We know how important pensions are to you - we get asked about pensions more than any other topic. But do you know what PFEW does at a national level to help safeguard and improve the terms of your pension? Have you seen the information we've recently produced, based on your feedback, to help you understand your pension scheme(s)? And did you know that we also work to influence the Government's

Protect the Protectors

Have you been assaulted on duty? Did you just pass it off as part of the job or did you report it? In the last year it is estimated that more than 23,394 officers in England and Wales were assaulted in some way - an average 64 officers a day.

We are launching the 'Protect the Protectors' campaign, the first part of which is to ensure that if you are assaulted on duty it gets recorded properly on your force's crime recording system. Whether you are spat at, or attacked in a more serious way, the campaign is to ensure officers who are assaulted are properly supported (by forces and feds). We need to build an accurate picture of the numbers this affects.

The campaign will also lobby government in efforts to get a change in the law for tougher sentences. And if you have been assaulted in some way and would be willing to tell your story and be part of the campaign, then please contact: communications@polfed.org.

[Read more about our work](#)



Police Magazine

In this edition, we cover National Police Memorial Day, competency tests for constables, mental health and x factor payments.

The Tattoo story continues as we look at some of the feedback we have received regarding the ongoing campaign, while the issue of spitguards is also discussed.

Fallen officers remembered at National Police Memorial Day

Thousands of police officers who have died or been killed in the line of duty were honoured at the annual National Police Memorial Day service, held at St Paul's Cathedral, London on Sunday 25 September.

HRH The Prince of Wales, patron of the charity, was among those in attendance and paid tribute to the police service, saying in the commemorative brochure: 'For many of us, the security challenges of today further underscore the importance of the police and their ongoing commitment to protecting us all, despite the inevitable risks that they face on a daily basis'.

HRH was joined by Home Secretary Amber Rudd, more than 40 chief constables and around 2,000 former colleagues and family members of serving police officers who lost their lives while carrying out their duties.

[Read more](#)



It's party conference time.

Did you know we attend party conferences to ensure your views are heard by politicians? It is our opportunity to drive home your messages to MPs and influence action on your behalf.

This year our key messages are on Taser, Assaults, Mental Health and Cuts. We will also be calling for a change in legislation to better protect emergency response drivers.

wider pensions' and economic policy to your benefit?

For more information on what we do and how we do it visit our website.

[Visit the website](#)

There are also the usual columns and features, as well as a round up of all of the latest news affecting Federated members, and all you need to know from the recent Custody Seminar in Warwick.

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Find out more about why it's important PFEW attends the party conferences and the issues we will be raising.

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