

DIGNITY ACTION DAY 2020

The National Pensioners Convention stands for intergenerational fairness and dignity for people of all ages. Dignity is about having enough income to be able to look after yourself properly, a decent home, nutritious food, making your own choices whatever your ability. The UK, however, is not a good place to grow old in;

- ◆ The UK state pension is the least adequate of any OECD nation, with Brits getting just 29% of their previous working earnings.
- ◆ Services are disappearing; with closures to community centres, libraries, meals on wheels, bus routes and hospitals, together with difficulties in accessing GP surgery appointments.



- ◆ £6 billion has been taken from social care budgets since 2010.
- ◆ Around 3.3 million people over 65 are unpaid carers. Some 970,000 of these carers are over 80 with 71% also having long-standing health and medical needs.
- ◆ 1.8 million older people in need of basic care such as washing, dressing and shopping are not receiving any help at all.
- ◆ Universal pensioner benefits are under attack.

- ◆ Over 79% of all digital exclusion is among those aged 65 and over.
- ◆ There are 1.9m lonely older people in the UK. Loneliness can be as harmful for our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.



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The NPC works on behalf of today's and tomorrow's pensioners we stand for:

- A National Care Service, funded by taxation, in the same way as the NHS and free at the point of need.
- Meals on Wheels to become a statutory service.
- A basic state pension set above the official poverty level, at around £220 a week and linked to the triple lock of the higher of earnings, prices or 2.5%.
- Affordable, decent homes appropriate to the needs of older people, whilst recognising the specific barriers to rightsizing that older people face.
- Retention of the TV licence for over 75s funded by government and all other universal benefits such as free bus travel, a £500 winter fuel allowance, free prescriptions.
- A Commissioner for Older People for England, as they have in Wales and Northern Ireland, with judicial powers to positively promote the rights of older people and deal swiftly with the things that go wrong.

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