

23,200

EXCESS WINTER DEATHS

- There were an estimated 23,200 excess winter deaths which occurred in England and Wales in the 2018 to 2019 winter.
- Excess winter mortality continued to be higher in females compared with males and highest in females aged 90 years and over compared with females at younger ages.
- Respiratory diseases continued to be the leading cause of excess winter deaths.

Successive governments have simply ignored the problem of winter deaths amongst the older population and seem to have a policy of crossing their fingers and hoping things will improve.

The key is to make sure older people have got a well-insulated, warm home and the income needed to pay the fuel bills. This is a basic requirement of what a decent society should do.



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 £232.75 a week and linked to the triple lock of the higher of earnings, inflation or 2.5%.
- Affordable, decent homes appropriate to the needs of older people, whilst recognising the specific barriers to rightsizing that older people face.
- Reintroduction of the TV licence for over 75s funded by government as well as all other universal entitlements; 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.

For more information about joining the NPC, contact us at:
NPC Marchmont Community Centre, 62 Marchmont Street,
London, WC1N 1AB

visit: www.npcuk.org email info@npcuk.org
or call 0207-837-6622



Follow us on Twitter @NPCuk

#NPCuk



Find us on Facebook @NPCuk

#EWD