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Action		Information	
England/Wales	X	England/Wales	-
Scotland	X	Scotland	-
Northern Ireland	X	Northern Ireland	-
Special Hospitals	X	Special Hospitals	-
Private Sector	X	Private Sector	-
IRC	X	IRC	-

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Dear Colleagues

**EARLY DAY MOTION: PENSION AGE**

Grahame Morris (Labour MP) has tabled a new cross – party Early Day Motion for the new session about pension age which is consistent with POA campaign and conference policy. The wording of the Motion is as follows;

*“That this House recognises the dangerous working conditions in the Prison Service; expresses concern at the increasing number of violent assaults on prison staff; believes that prison officers approaching the age of 70 should not be expected to deal with violent and dangerous criminals aged in their twenties, thirties and forties; considers the demands placed on prison officers, as uniformed emergency workers, to be similar to Police Officers and Firefighters who can retire at 60 in recognition of the unique nature of their roles; and calls on the Government to show its thanks and appreciation for our prison staff through practical action to improve prison safety, enhance terms and conditions and align Prison Officers’ pension age with other uniformed emergency services”. This was tabled on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.*

So far 32 MPs have signed that EDM those being;

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| Grahame Morris (Labour MP)           | Gordon Henderson (Conservative MP) |
| Liz Saville Roberts (Plaid Cymru MP) | Chris Stephens (SNP MP)            |
| Gavin Robinson ((DUP MP)             | Mary Glindon (Labour MP)           |
| Mohammed Yasin (Labour MP)           | Jo Stevens (Labour MP)             |
| Jim Cunningham (Labour MP)           | Mike Hill (Independent MP)         |
| Jonathan Edwards (Labour MP)         | Lady Herman (Independent MP)       |
| Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru MP)            | Paul Farrelly (Labour MP)          |
| Maria Eagle (Labour MP)              | Rosie Cooper (Labour MP)           |
| Hugh Gaffney (Labour MP)             | Catherine West (Labour MP)         |
| Jim Shannon (DUP MP)                 | Lloyd Russell Moyle (Labour MP)    |
| Kelvin Hopkins (Independent MP)      | Marion Fellows (SNP MP)            |
| Roger Godsiff (Labour MP)            | David Linden (SNP MP)              |

Marie Rimmer (Labour MP)  
Teresa Pearce (Labour MP)  
Ronnie Cowan (SNP MP)  
Ian Lucas (Labour MP)

Sir George Howarth (Labour MP)  
Ruth Jones (Labour MP)  
Sir Jeffrey Donaldson (DUP MP)  
Alex Sobel (Labour MP)

This is a very heartening start to the EDM, but we need all POA members to write to their MP in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to sign the EDM to support POA members in our campaign to return the pension age to 60 years of age.

Further information can be found on the following link:

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/53358/prison-officer-pension-age>

I would like to express my gratitude to all those MPs who have supported this EDM from a variety of different political parties across the political spectrum.

Yours sincerely



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