

Police to receive 2.5% pay increase

It matches the 2.5% rise awarded last year, which gave forces the largest pay increase since 2010.

Policing continues to be an attractive career, with the numbers of people joining the police reaching a 10-year high.

Between October and May, more than 78,000 people applied to forces, as the government makes good on its pledge to put 20,000 additional officers on the streets in three years.

Those interested in becoming one of the new officers can search #JoinThePolice today.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

When I became Home Secretary, I promised to give our police the funding, powers and resources they need to keep us safe.

We are recruiting 20,000 additional officers in the next three years and more than 3,000 have already joined.

The policing system has got its biggest funding boost for a decade, and now we are also increasing police pay by 2.5%.

This government is backing the police and as Home Secretary I will do everything in my power to ensure our police are fully supported.

The Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB), an independent board set up by the Home Office to make recommendations on pay, took evidence from across the policing sector and the government. It recommended a 2.5% rise for 2020 to 2021 based on a variety of factors, including affordability, recruitment and retention, which the government accepted in full.

The pay rise follows several announcements designed to support and protect the police.

Earlier this month, the government launched a targeted consultation for doubling the maximum sentence for assaults on emergency workers to two years.

The Home Secretary has also set out plans for a Police Covenant, focusing on physical protection, health and wellbeing and support for families.

The National Police Wellbeing Service, launched in April 2019, also continues to be funded by the government to provide support direct to officers and staff.