

Press release: Low Pay Commission visit to Newport and Gwent

The visit to Newport and Gwent in June is part of a programme of visits the Low Pay Commission (LPC) is making around the UK during 2017 to gather information on how the National Living Wage is operating.

Peter Donaldson and Professor Sarah Brown will meet a number of representatives in Newport and Gwent to hear first hand what impact the National Living Wage is having on businesses and workers.

Low Pay Commissioner Peter Donaldson said:

Hearing directly from those affected by the National Living Wage and other minimum wage rates is an important part of the Commission's work and informs our recommendations to the government. Our visits take us around the UK and we welcome the opportunity to hear how the National Living Wage has affected people in Wales.

Notes:

1. The Low Pay Commission is an independent body that advises the government about the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage.
2. The LPC is responsible for:
 - carrying out extensive research and consultation, and commissioning research projects
 - analysing relevant data and actively encouraging the Office of National Statistics to establish better estimates of the incidence of low pay
 - carrying out surveys of firms in low-paying sectors
 - consulting with employers, workers and their representatives and taking written and oral evidence from a wide range of organisations
 - making fact-finding visits throughout the UK to meet employers, employees and representative organisations
3. There are 9 Low Pay Commissioners drawn from a range of employee, employer and academic backgrounds:
 - Bryan Sanderson
 - Kay Carberry
 - Neil Carberry
 - Professor Richard Dickens
 - Peter Donaldson
 - Professor Sarah Brown
 - Clare Chapman
 - John Hannett
 - Brian Strutton
4. All the Commissioners serve in an individual capacity. They are

supported by a secretariat, which has 8 members of staff and is based in London.

5. If you are involved in a business, are a worker, or have information you would like to share with commissioners about the effects of the National Living Wage or Minimum Wage, and would like to meet the Commissioners, please contact the LPC secretariat using the contact details below.

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