

Pay rises for valued public sector employees

I was pleased to see today that there has been a further relaxation in public sector pay restraints, to allow rises above inflation for various groups of employees.

- Teachers – the average classroom teacher will see a 2.75 per cent pay increase, worth on average £1,000.
- Armed Forces – a soldier at Corporal level on average wages will see a 2.9 per cent raise worth £995, while the starting salary for an officer will rise by £769.
- NHS – Doctors and dentists will receive an increase of 2.5 per cent, with hospital doctors seeing an average £1,500 more to their salary. Nurses are seeing a pay increase of 6.5 per cent over three years, as agreed as part of a 3-year deal in 2018.
- Police – police constables will see a 2.5 per cent average pay increase, earning up to £978 more this year.
- Prison officers – prison officers will get at least a 2.2 per cent rise this year, with many receiving 3 per cent.