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## **People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

### **N Wales Police Officers protest over pay**

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FIVE coachloads of North Wales officers were among **22,500** who joined a historic protest over pay during the UK's largest ever gathering of police, in London yesterday.

More than **170 of the region's officers – a 10th of the force** – marched alongside colleagues from Hyde Park to Westminster where they met MPs to lobby for a fairer pay rise.

The unprecedented day of action organised by the Police Federation saw off-duty officers walking through Westminster and Whitehall to protest over Home Secretary Jacqui Smith's decision to delay a 2.5% pay rise.

They were dressed in civilian clothes and wearing white caps bearing "fair pay" slogans, and the protest was relatively quiet with an absence of chants compared to previous political rallies.

**Mel Jones, assistant secretary of North Wales Police Federation told the Daily Post that the officers who had joined him were all either off work or taking leave for the day.**

*"We've gone to arbitration, which is the only avenue left to us as we can't go on strike by law, We want a 2.5% pay rise dated back to September, as has been promised to us".*

The PPP comments .... **The deal was done, the award is reasonable and across North Wales the general consensus at the poorly attended Police Authority meetings about the precept were that a 3% rise was acceptable. So what is the problem ?.**

Clwyd West MP David Jones met a delegation of North Wales Police Federation members. Plaid Cymru's Parliamentary leader Elfyn Llwyd & Ynys Mon Labour MP Albert Owen, expressed strong support and Welsh Lib Dem MPs Mark Williams and Lembit Opik joined Dyfed-Powys police officers on the march.

**We were very pleased to see support from these MPs from ALL parties in London and we expect to similar support from the other North Wales MPs**