

# UNISON

## *Influencers 2026*

### RETIRED MEMBERS

Too many older people face poverty, isolation, and inadequate support in retirement. Public services must adapt to meet the needs of an ageing population.

#### Key Facts

- Pension income is often insufficient to meet living costs
- Poverty continues into retirement for many low-paid workers
- Social care services are under pressure
- Isolation and loneliness are increasing concerns

#### UNISON is calling for calling for

- Protection and strengthening of pensions
- Investment in health and social care
- Action to tackle poverty and isolation
- Public services designed for an ageing population

#### Questions for candidates

- How will you protect pensions and retirement income?
- What will you do to improve social care provision?
- How will you address poverty among older people?

#### Action for you

- Raise awareness of pension and care issues
- Campaign for investment in services for older people
- Engage with candidates on dignity in retirement

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