



# Press Release

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## OUT OF THE BLUE

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### **OUT OF THE BLUE CAREER HORIZONS EXPO CHAMPIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CITY ALLOWANCES FOR KEY WORKERS**

Out of the Blue Training is proud to announce its support for Paschal Taggart's campaign advocating for affordable housing and city allowances for all emergency services and military personnel. This critical issue will take center stage at the Out of the Blue Career Horizons Expo, Ireland's premier event for serving, retiring, and former emergency services and military personnel, taking place at the RDS on Friday, April 4th.

Renowned businessman Paschal Taggart will deliver a compelling presentation at the expo, outlining the vital importance of providing key workers in Dublin and other major cities with a dedicated city allowance and access to affordable housing. He will draw attention to the precedent set by the London Metropolitan Police, who will implement a city allowance exceeding £6,000 for their officers in April 2025, emphasising the urgent need for the Irish government to adopt a similar approach.

"A thriving city depends on its key workers living within close proximity to their workplaces," Taggart states. "Affordable housing and a city allowance are not just benefits; they are essential investments in the stability and efficiency of our vital services."

The Out of the Blue Career Horizons Expo is uniquely tailored to support those who dedicate their lives to serving our communities. Attendees can expect:

- Inspirational Talks and Presentations: Including Paschal Taggart's crucial address on key worker support.
- Lively Panel Discussions: Exploring relevant career and lifestyle topics.
- Career Clinic: Providing personalised guidance for in-service and post-service career transitions.
- Over 40 Exhibitors: Offering upskilling opportunities, job offers, financial and wellbeing advice.

This expo is the definitive resource for emergency services and military personnel seeking to enhance their careers, explore new opportunities, and access vital support services.

#### Event Details:

- Event: Out of the Blue Career Horizons Expo
- Date: Friday, April 4th
- Location: RDS, Dublin

**The Lord Mayor of Dublin Emma Blain will officially open the expo at 10am, April 4.**