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1. Personal Statement:

It was necessary for me to take some time off since mid-April. Some of you will be aware that my dear wife, Maureen, passed away on 17 June 2024 after having been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer some six weeks earlier. Consequently, there were no Branch notes in the June Magazine and the June quarterly meeting did not proceed. It's my intention to continue as Branch Secretary, but it will take time to get back to normal activity as I need to take some further time out over the next few months. I will continue to undertake most functions of the Branch Secretary's role, including ongoing engagement with the NI Region of NPC, but I will be unable to arrange or service the October Branch meeting. Therefore, no further Branch meetings will take place before January 2025. I will keep the Committee apprised of, and consult with them, on any significant matters that arise in the meantime.

Sincere thanks to those colleagues who attended Maureen's funeral, visited me or messaged me with their condolence. Their support and kindness was much appreciated at such a difficult time for myself and my family.

2. Please note that from 31 August 2024, I will cease to use the e-mail address: Michael.Monaghan@nfop.org.uk. I will use my existing private e-mail address, michael.monaghan@talktalk.net in future for all communications.

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