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## Hopkins offers guarantees to local pensioners

The benefits and entitlements of pensioners in Keighley and Ilkley will be fully protected if the Conservatives win the General Election, the party's local Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has promised.

"The Labour Party, in its increasingly desperate attempts to cling to power, has been trying to scare people into not voting for change, and pensioners have been at the top of their list of targets," said Cllr Hopkins.

"I therefore want to make very clear to older residents in Keighley and Ilkley that a Conservative Government will protect Disability Living Allowance for the over 65s and Attendance Allowance for pensioners, provide the best possible NHS care, keep the winter fuel allowance, keep free bus passes and keep free TV licences for pensioners.

"We have also guaranteed that the state pension will not be cut and, indeed, Conservatives will restore the link between the basic state pension and average earnings to help stop the spread of the means test.

"This single measure will benefit every single pensioner in Keighley and Ilkley.

"And we will introduce a new home protection scheme to help stop people having to sell their homes to pay for residential care.

"I should also remind local Equitable Life policyholders that, at his visit to the constituency at my invitation some time ago, David Cameron pledged to act to help those affected by the collapse of Equitable Life and who have been let down for so long by this Labour Government.

"So let there be no doubt - the Conservatives will support pensioners and, if I am elected as the new MP for Keighley and Ilkley, I will ensure the guarantees we have given to local pensioners are delivered."

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