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### Secretary of State hosts reception for policing family at Hillsborough Castle

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Secretary of State Shaun Woodward MP, has paid tribute to the crucial work provided by policing support groups to serving and ex-police officers and their families.

During a reception at HillsboroughCastle for members of the policing family, including the RUC George Cross Widows Association, RUC GC Foundation and the Northern Ireland Police Fund Shaun Woodward said that the contribution of these groups cannot be underestimated.



He said: **"I would like to acknowledge the work of those organisations within the wider police family and recognise the important part they play in providing support to serving and ex-police officers and their families.**

**"We must never forget the contribution and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served in the police and these groups provide a vital service to the wider police family."**



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