

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire Newsletter



December 2023

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Bedfordshire PCC consults with residents about police precept for 2024/25

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Bedfordshire, Festus Akinbusoye, has released the [police precept survey](#) for the financial year 2024/25. The PCC must consult with local residents on any changes that he is considering to the police precept. For 2024/25, the PCC wants to propose an increase to the police precept of £13 a year for an average Band D property.

In 2024/25 the focus will be on:

- Retail crime
- Force control room
- Crime prevention
- Improved outcomes for victims through immediate justice
- Speeding

The [police precept survey](#) will close at 5pm on 12 January 2024 and will form part of the report to the Police and Crime Panel that will meet to consider recommendations from the PCC on 6 February 2024.

You can complete the [police precept survey here](#).



New centre launches to reform perpetrators of domestic abuse



Inspiring change, transforming lives, delivering safer communities

A major new programme to help reform perpetrators of domestic abuse and encourage them to change their behaviour is launching in Bedfordshire.

Chrysalis Centre is a ground-breaking programme of interventions to break the cycle of domestic abuse making victims, families and communities safer. This is achieved by challenging underlying abusive behaviours and providing education and support to enable healthy, safe and positive relationships.

Central to the role of Chrysalis Centre is the effective screening of referrals to understand causation factors, including Adverse Childhood Experiences, substance or alcohol dependencies.

The Chrysalis Centre has been developed to work directly with individuals and encourage them to access a range of available behavioural change interventions, as well as support for compounding issues such as substance abuse or poor mental health.

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Festus Akinbusoye has partnered with his counterpart in Hertfordshire to successfully bid for £2 million from the Home Office to run the programme for the next two years.

The Chrysalis Centre ensures that a trauma informed, person centric approach is at the heart of its work.

The announcement comes in the midst of 16 days of action against gender based violence, which aims to raise awareness of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.

To make a referral or to find out more information [visit the chrysalis centre online.](#)

You can also [contact the centre via email.](#)

[Read more about the chrysalis centre.](#)

PCC hosts 2-day event to combat rural crime in Bedfordshire

The PCC and Deputy PCC Ian Dalgarno joined forces with Bedfordshire Police's Rural Crime team and National Farmers Union (NFU) county chairman Freya Morgan.

The events, in the north and south of the county saw different groups pledge to continue to work together to tackle rural crimes that impact rural communities.

Deputy Commissioner Ian Dalgarno said: "It was an invaluable opportunity to meet with our farming communities and hear from them directly at our annual event.

"Last December we launched a 'rural task force' vision, so we were able to come together as a group and check in on any issues or concerns.

"I'm confident that we're working in collaboration to ensure crimes are being reported and investigated and indeed updated fed back to our rural communities.

"It is vitally important that the police ensure our rural communities feel as safe and protected as those who live in our larger towns.

"The energy and enthusiasm from the meeting alongside some recent action we have taken gave confidence to our farming community that we continue to be on the same page to crackdown on rural crime."

Mr Akinbusoye said "This event gives us the opportunity to tap into the farming community's network and local knowledge, as well as key information sharing between Beds Police and the farming communities.

"These meetings are crucial for improving performance and delivery of police service in our rural areas and we now have action plans in place for next year."

[Read more about the rural crime conference here.](#)





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Annual Business Conference 2024



Sign up to the Business Conference for free via Eventbrite



13 February 2024



18:30 - 20:30



Rufus Centre, Flitwick
MK45 1AH



Sign Up

or contact PCC@beds.police.uk

As business owners, this event will be an opportunity for you to;



- Get together to discuss business safety and business crime
- Understand the current overall picture of business crime and how the police plan to tackle this
- Understand cybercrime and how to protect your business

<https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/>

Bidding opportunities for Commissioning Cycle 2024-2025

Funding Opportunities

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire are pleased to release 5 bidding opportunities in support of the Commissioning Cycle for 2024-2025.

1. Domestic Abuse Counselling
2. Sexual Violence Counselling
3. Family Support and Advocacy network
4. Sports-based Prevention – Luton
5. Diversion Restorative Justice Family Practitioner

To respond to these opportunities please read the [instructions found on our website for the bidding opportunities](#) and complete the relevant bidder response form found under 'attachments' to the bidding opportunity relevant to your organisation. Please note, where relevant, you are able to submit bid responses to multiple opportunities.

Please submit any clarification questions to the [Commissioning Team via email](#) regarding the opportunity to by 16:00hrs on Monday 8th January 2024.

The bid response deadline is 16:00hrs on Monday 22nd January 2024. Please complete the bidder response form below and return as an attachment to the [Commissioning Team via email](#). Please note applications will only be accepted if submitted prior to the deadline and if completed correctly.

Bids will undergo a period of review against showstopper questions and due diligence checks between 23rd January 2024 and 24th January 2024.

Bids will be reviewed by an evaluation panel provisionally arranged for 24th January and 25th January 2024.

Where relevant, a period of evaluation clarification will take place between 29th January and 2nd February 2024.

All bidders will be notified of outcomes on the 16th February 2024.

We look forward to receiving your bid responses in coming weeks.

[Read more about the bidding opportunities for 2024-25 here.](#)



Take a read of what our office has been up to throughout December!



The PCC spoke at the graduation ceremony of three young men who had just completed their Team Programme delivered by the Prince's Trust through Bedford College



The PCC attended the Bedfordshire Police Christmas Service in Clifton where hymns were sung, bible verses read, and special prayers made for police officers and staff, as well as victims of crime



The PCC was joined by Andrew Selous, MP (South West Bedfordshire) to see the Bossard House Community Police Base. The Leighton Buzzard Community Policing Team have now fully relocated from the Leighton Buzzard fire station to Bossard House



The Commissioner was a guest speaker at the Global Reputation Forum on the topic of cyber security. He discussed the scale of cybercrime and the global challenges



The office held our Independent Custody Visiting quarterly panel meeting. Custody visitors were briefed on the Changing Lives in Custody project and heard from the office as well as an update from the Chief Inspector of Custody



The Police and Crime Commissioners for the Eastern Region are seeking to recruit up to 20 Independent Panel Members (IPM) to hear police misconduct hearings from across the region. [Find out more.](#)



The Eastern Region for custody visiting met together to celebrate their achievements on gaining the awards at the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) Quality Assurance Framework awards ceremony

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**Recruiting
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for
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Apply by January 28th 2024





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