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Message from the Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway

In August, I marked my first 100 days in office by publishing a list of 100 achievements in as many days. I made a number of promises in the run up to the election and this document sets out what I have done since then.

It's really important to me that people can see that I've been doing everything possible to deliver on those pledges, make decisions which actually produce a difference for victims and the wider public by putting money where my mouth is and have been building the partnerships which improvements in policing Bedfordshire will depend on in future.

That's why I've decided to publish 100 of these changes to show that I've been delivering something every day, especially as I'm only the second PCC in office and want people to see that I'm definitely not just here to keep a seat warm.

Of the list of 100 achievements, three changes are my own particular favourites:

- The siting of 7 new Community Policing Hubs of extra police officers which I am launching at monthly meetings throughout the county to the end of the year, addressing local policing and crime concerns at the same time.
- Overseeing the breakthrough which has led to one of the most extensive programmes of collaboration between police and fire services, including the sharing of stations
- The funding of a new video link service to save rape and child abuse victims the trauma of facing their attackers, and their associates, in court to allow them to give evidence remotely

To see the full list of 100 achievements, please see [my website](#).

Kathryn Holloway
Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire

Cash from road offences will go to help those bereaved by traffic deaths

The PCC will invest £30,000 per year from speeding fines and road penalties to help those affected by the deaths of loved ones on the county's roads.

She has pledged the money, each year from 2017, to the Bedford-based charity, Road Victims Trust (RVT), using income generated by Bedfordshire Police's Cameras, Tickets and Collisions Unit.

"It seems absolutely logical to me that money from road offences should go directly to help those whose lives have been blighted by deaths in traffic accidents," said the Commissioner.



"The shock and trauma of losing someone you love from your life, out of the blue without warning, must be truly devastating and affects too many people in a county where road deaths have been rising in the last year, in contrast to other parts of the country, with 26 fatal crashes in 2015-16, according to the Trust, affecting whole families as well as partners, friends and colleagues."

In the meantime, the Commissioner has granted £30,000 to the Trust, throughout this year, to help with its work counselling victims of road deaths for as long as they feel they need the support.

The Road Victims Trust, based in Kempston, works with Bedfordshire Police to support those who have been bereaved by a road death. It is informed of those directly affected by police and accompanies them to inquests and court cases, together with the offer of specialist trauma counselling.

The RVT is in its 21st year and has supported many hundreds of local people during this time. Last year alone the RVT provided emotional and practical support to 164 Bedfordshire residents.

RVT Ambassador, 23-year-old Henry Wellbelove, whose younger brother Archie was killed on the road in 2012, said: "The Trust provided my family with unwavering and invaluable support at a time when it seemed to all that the inexorable sense of despair would take hold. We are all hugely appreciative of the support of Kathryn Holloway and Bedfordshire Police."

For more information about the PCC's victims funding, please visit [the funding section of the Bedfordshire PCC's website](#).

PCC launches most high profile police presence in the county in Bedford

On 25 August, the PCC launched a new policing plan for Bedford which aims to establish the most visible police presence in the county at the heart of the town.



Commissioner Holloway was joined by ACC Mike Colbourne at a public meeting in Bedford to announce brand new police officers being trained for a Community Hub team to work throughout the town and an Enquiries Office based right on the High Street.

“I promised the public more visible policing in the community and it doesn’t get higher profile than an office right at the heart of the town where shoppers and workers can see police by day and officers working in the Night Time Economy, surrounded by pubs and clubs, can also be based,” said the PCC.

“There will be a completely new team of community police in Bedford, who are being rolled out in recruitment drives throughout this year and next and, as well as that, almost 100 new PCs for the county in 2016 are taking part in 10 weeks of mentored patrols in Bedford and Luton to boost that presence still further.”

The PCC and ACC, who held the meeting at St Mary’s Church Hall in Bedford, were joined by Superintendent Julia Pink, Inspector Hob Hoque from the Force’s Community Cohesion Team, Chief Inspector Nick Lyall, Head of the Force Control Room Wayne Humberstone and volunteering Watch Coordinator Juliet Wright.

Plans are in place to not only boost the number of officers covering both urban and rural Bedford, but there will be two additional bases for community policing teams – including the Community “Hub” sharing the Bedfordshire Fire premises on Barkers Lane, as well as the Enquiry Office on the High Street that will act as a 24-hour base for officers, especially in the centre of the town.

Intelligence officers will be based in Borough Hall in another example of innovative collaboration with Bedfordshire Police.

The new premises are in addition to the community crime teams currently based at Police Headquarters in Kempston, and will house two Inspectors (one urban and one rural), one Sergeant, 11 Police Constables and seven PCSOs.

For more information about the PCC's priorities for Bedfordshire, please see [her Police and Crime Plan](#).

Upcoming events

20 September - Biggleswade public meeting at The Old Court House, Saffron Road from 6pm

8 November – Dunstable public meeting, venue TBC

8 February – Ampthill public meeting, venue TBC

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