

**Bedfordshire  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner***Making the money work*

Hello everyone,

This has been a month of very significant wins for me and the Bedfordshire OPCC. I am absolutely delighted to share the news that my office and I have won both bids to the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund totalling £882,150 to improve safety across Midland Road in Bedford and Luton's High Town. I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who worked with us on the research and bids, within the Community Safety Partnerships and at Bedfordshire Police, and we look forward to achieving a real turnaround in community safety and crime reduction with you as we move forward with the project to make those areas safer.

Measures approved by the Home Office in our bids include state-of-the-art CCTV equipment which detects movement and follows an offender, target hardening of homes and car parks and the installation of video doorbells showing callers. I am determined to work with local residents to get them involved in partnership to turn around these two areas, offering bespoke advice to residents and businesses.

I have witnessed outstanding innovation and collaboration that has taken place across our communities over these last few months as our life and work have been impacted in ways we could never have envisaged. As we in the OPCC have maintained 'business as usual' albeit remotely, we have seen some extraordinary successes in terms of attracting additional funding for critical front line delivery.

In the last month, my office has overseen the payment of more than £200,000 worth of Ministry of Justice funds. This funding has enabled a diverse range of charities and Community Interest Groups to continue to deliver services to some of our communities which have been most seriously impacted by lockdown. The project areas have included Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence with £48,000 of funding for victims of Domestic Abuse acquired via the Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust charity; justifying its move forward under management of the OPCC, allowing us to qualify for funds requiring a charitable base.

The Mental Health Hub which I set up a little over a year ago has brought together mental health professionals, nurses and police in response to a growing need to help those experiencing a mental health crisis. In this first year alone, with dedicated nurse support, the Force Contact Centre has handled almost 1,500 calls that involved an element of mental health crisis and, with the further support of my victim service provided by Signpost, have been able to prevent 180 detentions under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. I'd like to thank all those involved in delivering this service including our colleagues in other blue light services and, in particular, Bedfordshire Police who provided the Mental Health Hub with named police officers to match specified mental health nurses to offer contacts for the most frequent callers to blue light services in the county as a result of mental health issues.

I hope you stay safe and well and continue to spread word of the need to observe restrictions to prevent further spikes in Covid infections of the type we have sadly seen in both Bedford and Luton in the past month.

Yours, as always,  
Kathryn

**Kathryn Holloway - Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire**



### **Programmes to help parents and young people backed by the VERU - 30/06/2020**

More than £40,000 is to be invested in programmes to help parents and young people as a landmark new partnership continues its work to drive down serious youth violence in Bedfordshire.



### **Signpost partners with charity to offer lived experience support for victims of Domestic Abuse – 07/07/2020**

Bedfordshire's victim support organisation - Signpost - which supported 2,452 victims last year, is partnering with a new charity to provide additional support for victims of Domestic Abuse. Change Ur Life, a charity founded this year, offers support from people who have experienced Domestic Abuse themselves and are able to speak with victims remotely, via telephone and online.



### **PCC takes the lead on Signpost to enhance services for victims in Bedfordshire – 09/07/2020**

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has taken the decision to move Signpost, the website and call centre service which provides emotional and practical support for victims of crime and those affected by it, under the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The move, which has been effective from the start of July, means Commissioner Holloway will now oversee the service and its employees to build on Signpost's outstanding success so far.



### **Assaults on our officers put our communities in danger says PCC – 15/07/2020**

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has warned that assaulting police officers on duty could put the wider community in danger after it was revealed there have been over 100 assaults on police officers since lockdown began.

The Government brought in restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic at the end of March and 106 police officers have since been assaulted in the line of duty.



### **PCC invests more than £30,000 to divert young people from violence and exploitation**

Outdoor gym equipment, youth clubs and outreach programmes are among the projects awarded funding under two new schemes spearheaded by Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway to help divert young people from gang, gun and knife crime.



### **PCC provides toolkit to help tackle Modern Day Slavery and exploitation children and young people in Bedfordshire - 23/07/2020**

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, is encouraging the public and professionals working with young and vulnerable people to help spot the signs of Modern Day Slavery and exploitation by using a toolkit she has funded.

The PCC commissioned youth charity, The Mary Seacole Trust, to run the project and put together the 'Information about Exploitation' toolkit. The 20-page guide covers Sexual Exploitation, Forced Labour, Forced Criminality, Forced Marriage, Human Trafficking, Organ Harvesting and Domestic Servitude, as a learning aid which can be used to support and empower individuals at risk of or experiencing exploitation.



### **Police and Crime Commissioner wins more than £882,000 to make Bedfordshire streets safer - 29/07/2020**

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has announced that her office has been successful with two further bids to the Home Office as part of its Safer Streets Campaign, amounting to almost £900k and residents in both Bedford and Luton will benefit.

The two bids were based on dramatic improvements to community safety around Midland Road in Bedford and High Town in Luton. Residents and businesses will see an investment of £434,000 for the Midland Road area and £448,150 in High Town. The money awarded, totalling £882,150, will be spent in areas such as enhancing CCTV coverage using brand new technology, new gating around car parks and back alleys to prevent criminals from gaining access to homes or stealing cars, advanced home security equipment including doorbells showing the caller and bespoke crime prevention advice for both residents and businesses.



### **Support service for those in mental health crisis backed by the PCC celebrates outstanding success in its first year – 31/07/2020**

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway, Bedfordshire Police and local mental health services are celebrating the outstanding first year success of the county's Mental Health Hub (MHH), which brought together mental health professionals and police to help those in mental health crisis across the county.

The innovative service is jointly funded by the Commissioner, the police and East London Foundation Trust (ELFT).



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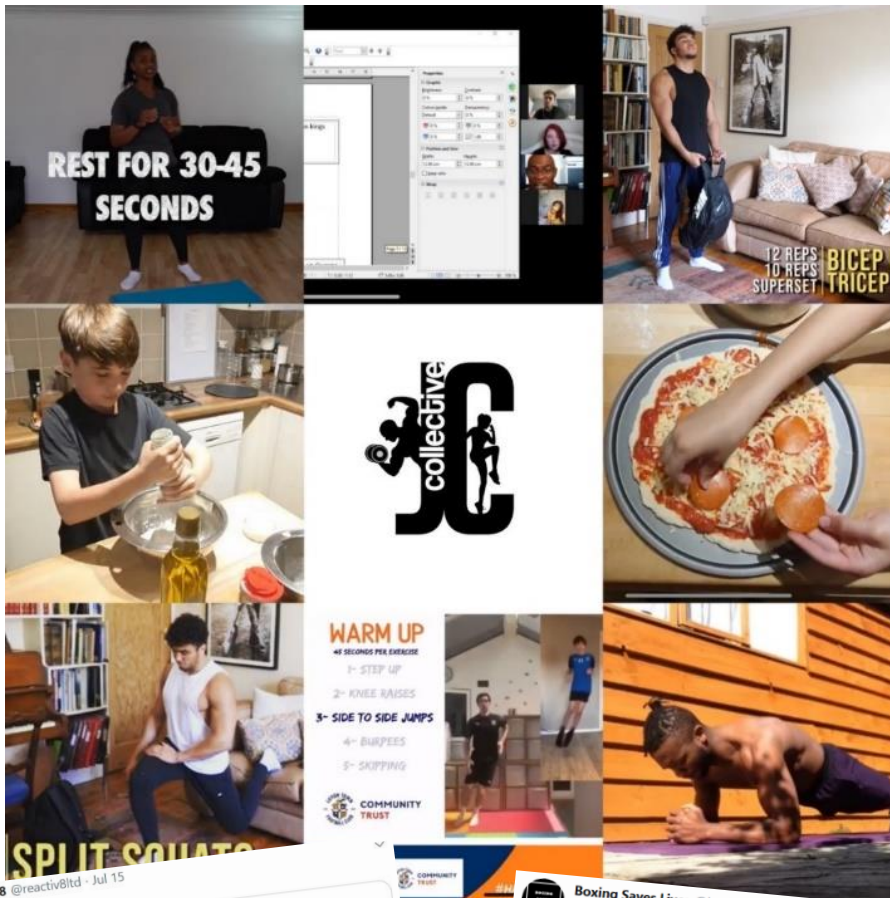


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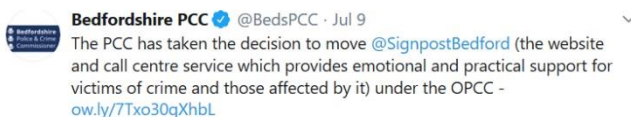
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## Social Media Highlights



## Dates for the diary

The PCC would like to invite members of the community, in particular those from the Afro Caribbean community, for a one to one conversation regarding their experience with and thoughts on discrimination and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Please contact us on [pccevents@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pccevents@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) for more information or sign up directly on Eventbrite where a range of dates are available. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/100-conversations-tickets-111127659822>

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