The Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire is a separate corporate soul to Bedfordshire Police and is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

This Privacy Notice explains how we use any personal information we collect about you and your organisation when you work with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), when you enter into a contract with the OPCC or provide us with your personal information for the purposes of an event, issue or activity.

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What information do we collect about you?

We collect information about you when you enter into the Commissioners grant bidding process or enter into a contract for the provision of services. We also collect information when you register with us to participate in events and activities, voluntarily complete surveys, provide feedback to consultations, or contact
us in relation to a complaint against Bedfordshire Police or the Chief Constable of
Bedfordshire Police. Website usage information is collected using cookies.

Where necessary, the OPCC may request and hold sensitive personal data in order
to carry out our legal functions ‘in the exercise of official authority’. This covers public
functions and powers that are set out in law; or to perform a specific task in the
public interest that is set out in law.

How will we use the information about you?

We may collect information about you to process your enquiry, manage your bid and
contract and, if you agree, to email you about other events and activities that we
think may be of interest to you.

We use information about you in order to carry out our official functions or public
tasks that are set out in law, mainly the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act
2011. For example, when a complaint is made against the Chief Constable, the
Commissioner’s Office will retain and process the personal information shared with
us in order to carry out the lawful public task of investigating this complaint. The
OPCC will also respond quickly to share any personal information with Bedfordshire
Police when it relates to a risk to life or the need to protect and safeguard the public.

In order to process any complaint made against Bedfordshire Police, its officers and
staff the Commissioner is required to share your personal information with
Bedfordshire Police Force, however, the Commissioner must have your permission
to retain and share your personal data under these circumstances.

When consent is provided, we may pass on your personal information to
Bedfordshire Police Force (including where necessary the parts of Bedfordshire
Police Force that are collaborated with Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire
Constabularies) so that they may offer you a response to any enquiry of an
operational nature, or a response to a complaint or issue of dissatisfaction.
Information on how Complaints are processed is available on our website here:
Complaints policy

Bedfordshire OPCC will not share your personal information for any purpose with
other organisations or companies without your consent. In processing any bid for a
contract to provide services, we may share your details with the Bedfordshire Police
Force and send your information to credit reference agencies and fraud prevention
agencies.

How long will we keep your information for?

In general, we will keep personal information only for as long as we need it. This
means that we will delete or destroy it when it is no longer needed. The
Commissioner has a legal obligation to retain some data in connection with the
statutory obligations of the Police and Crime Commissioner as a public authority.
Further information on how and when we will retain or delete data is available via our website here: Record Management, Retention and Disposal Policy

Marketing

We would like to send you information about events and services of ours and other providers that support the work of the PCC and Police Force which may be of interest to you.

If you have consented to receive marketing, you may opt out at a later date. You have a right at any time to stop us from contacting you for this purpose. If you no longer wish to be contacted for marketing purposes, please email PCC@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk.

Access to your information and correction

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please email or write to us at the following address:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, Bedfordshire Police Headquarters, Woburn Road, Kempston, Bedford MK43 9AX

We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

More information about your right to access, update, erase and control the processing of your personal data are available on the ICO website here. If you are unhappy about the way that the OPCC has managed or used your personal data you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner’s Office.

You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on: 0303 123 1113
Via email: Contact us

Or at the following address: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Cookies
Cookies are text files placed on your computer to collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information. This information is used to track visitor use of the website and to compile statistical reports on website activity.

For further information visit www.aboutcookies.org or www.allaboutcookies.org.
You can set your browser not to accept cookies and the above websites tell you how to remove cookies from your browser. However in a few cases some of our website features may not function as a result.

Other websites

Our website contains links to other websites. This privacy Notice only applies to this website so when you link to other websites you should read their own privacy Notices.

Changes to our privacy policy

We keep our privacy policy under regular review and we will place any updates on this web page. This privacy policy was last updated on 20 September 2019.

How to contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions about our privacy policy or information we hold about you via the following email address: PCC@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk.