



20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Commissioned Partner

**Re: Pre-election Period for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections**

As you will be aware, the elections for Police and Crime Commissioner are due to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

As a service commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner, I thought it would be useful to advise you about the guidelines and restrictions on publicity and communications during the pre-election period that starts on 26 March 2024 and ends on the day after the election. The restrictions apply to ensure that current PCCs do not gain an unfair advance to other candidates in the run up to the election.

As a general rule you should "not publish any material which, in whole or in part appears to be designed to attract public support for a political party" such as actively promoting that your services are funded by the current Police and Crime Commissioner.

This is to ensure that voters are not unduly influenced by the actions and decision of the current PCC.

Further information, including our detailed protocol are available on <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/pcc-election-2024/>

These restrictions only cover publicity during that period and all other day to day business should carry on as usual. I hope this letter provides you with the general information you need for the pre-election period, but if you have specific concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me if you have any issue you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Villette'.

**Anna Villette**  
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