



## Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner

NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome from Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye

#### 100-day report and Police and Crime Plan

Hopefully you've all seen a copy of my 100-day report and Police and Crime Plan. The 100-day report details the progress that my office has delivered against the pledges and priorities set out in the manifesto and I couldn't have done this without collaborative work with partners and colleagues, so once again a huge thank you to all of you. Read a copy of the 100-day report [here](#).

The Police and Crime Plan is the strategic vision for the future and I am proud to say this is very much a prevention led plan with specific measures in place for each of the seven priorities. More [here](#).

#### Summer of Fun and Focus

The Summer of Fun and Focus programme was a huge success! We had over 500 young people attend 22 classes across various locations in Bedfordshire and this supports my plans to invest in early intervention programmes to safeguard young people. I want to publicly thank all of our partners that helped to make this happen – Reactive8, Boxing Saves Lives, Ringcraft Boxing and Sendo-Ryu. Due to the success we will be planning more of these next year and we have two interns working in the office planning these as we speak. More [here](#).



#### Grant Funding opening for next year

The PCC's Grant Fund for 2022-23 will be open from Monday 6th September and is an annual opportunity for support services to bid into. The fund is split into two key areas – Ministry of Justice fund and Community Safety Fund. The fund will be open for applications until Friday 15th October. Full details on what can be applied for will be available on the website and communicated to partners. The OPCC will be fully transparent with the process and all partners will have sight of each fund and be invited to an open session with the Chief Executive to conclude the bidding allocation.



## Violence Reduction meetings

Building on the success of our Violence Reduction meetings in Luton, more are being planned for the coming weeks and months across Bedfordshire. We're inviting local residents to a discussion with myself and the Local Authority about serious violence in communities and more importantly, how we can work together to prevent it. There will be more locations added in due course. Book tickets [here](#).

As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions you can email the office here [PCC@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:PCC@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Follow my team's social media accounts here to keep up-to-date with everything including our upcoming events.

Facebook - @BedsOPCC and @Fest4BedsPCC

Instagram - @BedsOPCC and @fest4bedspcc

Twitter - @bedsopcc @Fest4BedsPCC and @SignpostBedford

Stay Safe

Festus Akinbusoye



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## Chief Executive's Celebration

By Clare Kelly, Chief Executive of the OPCC



For this month the office and I wanted to thank Community Safety Partnership Manager Sarah Stevens who has not only been instrumental in putting together several bids on behalf of the people of Bedford but has also delivered personally on the now completed Safer Streets programme for Midland Road.

Sarah's leadership commitment and energy has seen real change for our residents and all partners that worked with us in this area complimented both her style and delivery.

Amongst my team I am congratulating Simon Powell Head of Victim Care. Simon has successfully supported [Signpost](#), the service for victims of crime to increase their referral rates to ensure they are delivering at both a high volume and quality for the people of Bedfordshire.

He has also transformed the way we work with our charity – [The Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust](#). The charity is more aligned than ever to the victim support that is really needed across all of Bedfordshire. Simon has also successfully added areas of support to Signpost such as support for those who have experienced Fraud.



Congratulations to both Sarah and Simon for their commitment and passion to their forward-facing roles.





## Upcoming events



### Moggerhanger & Surrounding Areas Community Event

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

The local community is invited to a discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner Festus Akinbusoye and the Local Authority about serious violence that is occurring between you people and how we, together as a community could work to prevent it.



### Biggleswade Community Event

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

The local community is invited to a discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner Festus Akinbusoye and the Local Authority about serious violence that is occurring between Young people and how we, together as a community could work to prevent it.



### Central Beds Young Person Community Event for Ages 14 to 25 years old

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September - ONLINE

The local community is invited to a discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner Festus Akinbusoye and the Local Authority about serious violence that is occurring between young people and how we, together as a community could work to prevent it.

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## Press releases –August 2021



### [The Code of Practice for Victims \(Victims' Code\) Individual rights information – right 10 of 12](#)

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021


Right 10, To be paid expenses and have property returned.



### [PCC thanks public and partners for support on research for upcoming Police and Crime Plan](#)

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021


It is essential that the Police and Crime Plan (that will run from 2021 to – 2024) has been reality tested with the communities, individuals and criminal justice partners across Bedfordshire that it is intended to support.



### [Critical Support Funding will see a major breakthrough in tackling violent behaviour, says Beds Police Commissioner](#)

11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye, has successfully secured £165,431 from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Critical Support Fund, for sexual violence and domestic abuse support, as a result of increase in demand since the pandemic.



### [The Code of Practice for Victims \(Victims' Code\) Individual rights information – right 11 of 12](#)

12<sup>th</sup> August 2021


Right 11, To be given information about the offender following a conviction.



### [PCC launches prevention-based approach Police and Crime Plan](#)

18<sup>th</sup> August 2021


This Police and Crime Plan sets out a vision that delivers for all of Bedfordshire, with a strong emphasis on crime prevention, victim care and visible community policing.



PCC marks the launch of 100-day report with an event in Dunstable

20<sup>th</sup> August 2021


On reaching the end of his first 100 days, the PCC detailed the progress that his office has delivered against the pledges and priorities set out in his manifesto alongside the collaborative work with partners.



The Code of Practice for Victims (Victims' Code) Individual rights information – right 12 of 12

20<sup>th</sup> August 2021


To make a complaint about your Rights not being met.



PCC focuses on support for Victims of crime

27<sup>th</sup> August 2021


The Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye said “I have been committed to implementing the new victim code and my office have been focussing on making it accessible to victims of crime so that they are educated on what they are entitled to”.



Over 500 Young People attend Commissioner funded boxing and martial arts sessions

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

We are working with a number of different partners including, Luton Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council and housing associations to tackle anti-social behaviour across the county.





# Social Media – August 2021

**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by Roma Akibaboye · 4 August at 20:28 · Bedford

I'm encouraged by the fantastic work organisations like Team Canary Ringcroft Raising are in Bedfordshire. I dropped by at their @Canastable gym this evening. About 25 kids (boys and girls) getting first rate coaching, then followed by adults for another session. Average 90 daily! Loved to work in schools as well.

Team and Ringcroft will be delivering some of our free Summer of Fun boxing sessions in Central Bedfordshire in a few weeks time for young people in the area... See more



6,528 People reached 550 Engagements Boost Unavailable

25 11 shares

**Festus Akinbusoye PCC**  
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 6 August at 16:17 · Bedford

There's a social contract between the police and the policed - about policing, which ought to be mutually reinforcing. I want our communities to feel supported in maintaining law and order, and our officers to feel supported in enforcing the law.

It's an honour to be part of this journey with the people of Bedfordshire. Ours is a fantastic county, with fantastic people and a fantastic future. Preventing crime is one of the most powerful ways of realising a brighter future... See more



483 People reached 74 Engagements Boost Unavailable

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**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by IG · 8 August at 13:27 · Bedford

Oh what a day! Thank you @bedshoeson, Thank you Sgt Gita Reddiss Sngat Luton Guardians, Thank you Vinod Talwar

More good donations to go to young people attending our summer of fun boxing and martial arts sessions in Bedfordshire.



A massive thanks to the guys at Sgt Gitan Reddiss and Sgt Gita Reddiss (Sngat Luton Guardians) for donating all of the kit for the boxing van to our summer events organised by @bedshoeson Bedfordshire Police Community

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**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by IG · 7 August at 17:37 · Bedford

The vibes at today's Jamaica Independence Celebrations at Bedford Harpur Square was simply fab. Pleasure to meet @levirootsmusic our @bedshoeson & local Community Policing Team. Fantastic crowd, great music and perfect example of community togetherness at it's finest.




5,819 People reached 1,090 Engagements Boost Unavailable

**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 10 August at 17:24 · Bedford

Pizza with the PCC went down well today at Luton Police Station (see police Times 400) showed us a lot. Thanks to all the officers & staff that joined in and my office for helping to organise. Twenty boxes did the job but the opportunity to talk over food, was better.

The Bedfordshire Police officers and staff who weren't able to join as today, we will be holding another soon. Thank you for all your efforts.



**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 10 August at 18:56 · Bedford

Very inspiring afternoon at @boxinavesives in Luton to see the @summit2021 @boxing session for youngsters funded by Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire across #Bedfordshire. Incredible turnout with three sessions in one day. All participants are first timers and I was really pleased to see so many girls involved. Fun, fitness and engagement galore.

Find out more about boxing and martial arts sessions here: <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/events/>



**Festus Akinbusoye PCC**  
Published by IG · 27 August at 14:58 · Bedford

This morning I joined @bedshoeson @Bedford Borough Town centre Teams & Businesses as part of Our Highways and Crime, dealing with persistent aggressive begging, shoplifting, ASB etc.

Enforcement and high visibility foot patrols are crucial to tackling these issues, but so are partnership working + stopping to deal with cases of vulnerability. We need more of this great staff.




**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 25 August at 13:00 · Bedford

Here's a fantastic example of partnership working @bedshoeson Community Police team, Police Volunteers, PCSOs and @centralbeds community safety officers engaging with residents to discuss community safety. It was a pleasure to join @safecentral officers on foot patrol this morning in @wagnerburton.

Well done for putting together a well organised morning and thanks to the residents who shared by.

**Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire**  
Published by IG · 30 August at 14:58 · Bedford

This morning, I visited Luton Police Station to join Dept. Chief Constable Trevor Rodenhurst at Team 2 Response 11am briefing. They had the time to ask questions and share views. Really good to see Force Exec. this engaged and involved with frontline teams. Some good action points were taken from this.

Fab. Team doing great work in Bedfordshire.



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