



PRESS INFORMATION

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POLICE AUTHORITY HUNTS FOR NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE

The hunt is on for the next Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police, following Mrs Gillian Parker's announcement that she will retire in December this year.

Bedfordshire Police Authority, the body responsible for appointing senior officers, is now advertising the position to all suitably qualified officers in the country.

The Authority is seeking a Chief Constable who will provide effective visible leadership, inspire the workforce and increase public confidence in local policing. Emphasis has also been placed on the ability to meet the challenging performance targets and objectives set by the Authority after consultation with local residents.

Over the last few years Bedfordshire Police has delivered some significant improvements in performance and the Authority is keen to see this progress maintained.

Peter Conniff, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "This position represents an exciting opportunity for an ambitious individual to take their career to new heights. We are obviously keen to attract the strongest candidates to further improve police performance for the benefit of our local communities.

"The recruitment process is extremely robust, with interviews taking place over two days in July. We will then be in a position to announce who has been appointed."

Applications must be in by 12 noon 25th May 2010 and interviews will take place on 21st and 22nd July 2010.

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