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By email:  
Commissioner Ian Dyson QPM  
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Dear Ian,

**HMIC Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme revisit assessment**

Further to HMI Cunningham's letter dated 12 October 2016, I am writing to inform you of our assessment of your force's compliance with the Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme. The revisit was carried out between 3 November 2016 and 24 November 2016, and included a review of your website and force documentation and consultation with relevant staff. Thank you for the assistance provided by your staff.

HMIC's 2015 legitimacy inspection found that your force was not complying with two features of the scheme: recording and publishing outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects, and monitoring the impact particularly on black, Asian and minority ethnic people and young people. I am pleased to confirm that our recent revisit has found that the force is now complying with these features of the scheme. Our detailed assessment is set out at Annex A.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Parr**  
HM Inspector of Constabulary

## Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for City of London Police

BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects	<b>The force is compliant with this feature</b>
	<p>The force records the full range of outcomes and also identifies if there is a connection between the outcome and the object of the search.</p> <p>All outcome data are published on the force website, including a breakdown of outcomes by ethnicity and age and very helpful narrative accompanying the charts.</p> <p>All outcome data and the connection between outcomes and objects searched for are published on the police.uk website. There is a useful link on the force's stop and search webpage directing the public to the data on the police.uk website.</p>
Monitoring the use of stop and search powers, with particular regard to the impact on black, Asian and minority ethnic people and young people	<b>The force is compliant with this feature</b>
	<p>The force monitors data in respect of ethnicity and age.</p> <p>However, its analysis and subsequent monitoring could be enhanced by monitoring data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the reason for searches (e.g. drugs) by ethnicity and age;</li> <li>• the rate at which the item searched for is found, by ethnicity and age; and</li> <li>• individual officer/team data – totals, outcomes and find rate, by ethnicity and age.</li> </ul>