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By email:
Chief Constable Mick Creedon, QPM
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Dear Mick,

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

Further to my letter dated 5 December 2016, setting out our provisional assessments in respect of the above revisit, thank you for your force's comments in response which we have now fully considered. The document attached at annex A sets out the action we have taken in respect of each.

By way of follow up to HMI Cunningham's letter dated 12 October 2016, I am now 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.

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 providing opportunities for the public to observe the use of stop and search powers. Our recent revisit has found that your force is still not showing the connection between outcomes and objects. Our detailed assessment is set out at annex B.

Thank you for the assistance provided by your staff during this revisit and I look forward to writing to you again soon to confirm that your force is fully compliant with the scheme, once the proposed roll-out of the mobile solution to which you refer has addressed this final issue.

Yours sincerely

Zoë Billingham
HM Inspector of Constabulary

Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for Derbyshire Constabulary

Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects			
The force is non-compliant			
BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment	Force comments <i>(please write 'none' if applicable)</i>	HMIC response
<p>Showing the connection between outcomes and objects searched for</p> <p>(non-compliant)</p>	<p>At the time of the inspection, the force does not routinely record the connection between the object searched for and the outcome of the search. Such information is not recorded on the paper-based stop and search forms used by officers. Although the force is introducing new electronic devices that do record this information, at the time of the inspection, only 250 officers have been issued with them, and the roll-out across the force is not due to be completed until March 2017. The force is not yet able to publish data showing the connection between the outcome and the object searched for and therefore remains non-compliant with this element of the Best Use of Stop and Search scheme.</p>	<p>The force does routinely record the connection between the object searched for and the outcome of the search. The information is recorded on the paper based form and also within the mobile solution which at present is rolled out to response officers, circa 250 users. Full roll out across the force is due to be completed in March 2017.</p> <p>The force is not yet able to publish data showing the connection between the outcome and the object searched for and therefore remains non-compliant with this element of the Best Use of Stop and Search scheme. Due to the ICT delays this will not be resolved until March 2017 with the full roll out of the mobile devices.</p>	<p>Comment agreed.</p> <p>Narrative amended to read:</p> <p><i>At the time of the inspection, the force routinely records the connection between the object searched for and the outcome of the search. However, the force is not yet able to publish data showing the connection between the outcome and the object searched for and due to ICT issues, this will not be resolved until March 2017. The force therefore remains non-compliant with this element of the Best Use of Stop and Search scheme.</i></p>

Annex B: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for Derbyshire Constabulary

Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects	
The force is non-compliant	
BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
Showing the connection between outcomes and objects searched for (non-compliant)	At the time of the inspection, the force routinely records the connection between the object searched for and the outcome of the search. However, the force is not yet able to publish data showing the connection between the outcome and the object searched for. Due to ICT issues, this will not be resolved until March 2017. The force therefore remains non-compliant with this element of the Best Use of Stop and Search scheme.