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Via email

Dear Peter,

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

Further to HMI Mike Cunningham's letter dated 23 June 2016, I am writing to inform you of the findings of our re-assessment of your force's compliance with the BUSS scheme. The revisit was carried out between 24 June 2016 and 5 August 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 for this revisit.

HMIC's 2015 legitimacy inspection found that your force was not complying with three features of the scheme in 2015. Our recent assessment found that, at the time of the revisit, South Wales Police was still not complying with one feature of the scheme: recording and publishing outcomes. Our detailed assessment is set out at Annex A.

I am aware that, since our revisit, the force has taken action to address this issue. You will see that we have referred to this progress in our assessment, so the Home Secretary can take this into account when making decisions on continuing scheme membership.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. PCC
Force Liaison

**Annex A: 2016 Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme revisit
assessment of South Wales Police**

BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
<p>Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The force was not compliant with this feature at the time of the revisit</p> <p>The force does not record or publish the full range of stop and search outcomes. Khat warnings are used by the force as an outcome but it does not record or publish data on such warnings. However, the force expects that changes it is making to its mobile data technology will allow such recording by September 2016.</p> <p>The data are published on the police.uk website, although it excludes data about khat warnings and cautions. There is a clear link from the force's website to the South Wales Police Stop and Search Overview page on police.uk.</p> <p>At the time of the revisit, the force did not publish data to show whether the outcomes of searches were linked to the object(s) searched for.</p> <p>We are aware that, since our revisit, the force has started to provide police.uk with data detailing whether the outcomes of searches were linked to the object(s) searched for. The force is now compliant with this feature of the scheme.</p>
<p>Providing opportunities for the public to observe the use of stop and search powers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The force is compliant with this feature</p> <p>The force has a lay observer scheme called 'patrol along'. The stop and search page on the force's website includes information on this scheme.</p> <p>The force gathers feedback from the observer and uses this to improve procedures.</p> <p>The force has measures in place designed to ensure the safety of observers.</p>

<p>Implementing a community complaints trigger</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The force is compliant with this feature</p> <p>The force has a community complaints trigger. The trigger is activated by each complaint received by the force about stop and search.</p> <p>When the trigger is activated, the force explains the use of the power to its Community Involvement Group.</p> <p>The force does not publish on its website information about the trigger process but it does include a Stop and Search Experience Survey to generate feedback from those subject to stop and search. Negative feedback does not activate the trigger.</p> <p>The receipt the force gives to people who are stopped and searched also provides details about how to make a complaint.</p>
<p>Reducing stop and search encounters made under section 60, Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The force is compliant with this feature</p> <p>The force's policy and procedures in relation to searches authorised under section 60 are compliant with the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme.</p>
<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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The force is compliant with this feature</p> <p>The force monitors ethnicity and age data.</p> <p>However, the analysis and subsequent monitoring could be enhanced by the inclusion of data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason for searches (e.g. drugs) by ethnicity and age; • the outcome rates (not just the arrest rate), by ethnicity and age; • the rate at which the item searched for is found, by ethnicity and age; and • individual officer/team data – totals, outcomes and find rate, by ethnicity and age.