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By email:  
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Dear Steve,

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

Further to my 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 23 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 for this revisit.

HMIC's 2015 legitimacy inspection found that your force was not complying with one feature of the scheme in 2015: recording and publishing outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects. Our recent revisit has found that your force was still not complying with this feature at the time of the inspection, although we are aware that the force has subsequently addressed these issues and is now compliant. Our detailed assessment is set out at annex A.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Cunningham'.

**Michael Cunningham**  
HM Inspector of Constabulary

## Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for South Yorkshire Police

<b>BUSS scheme feature</b>	<b>2016 HMIC assessment</b>
Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects	<p data-bbox="483 488 1378 589"><b>The force is not compliant with this feature at the time of the revisit</b></p> <p data-bbox="483 589 1378 768">At the time of the inspection, the force was not able to record all occasions when stop and searches result in a caution. It was also not able to record the connection between outcomes and objects. However, since the inspection, the force has resolved this issue and now publishes this data on its website.</p> <p data-bbox="483 790 1378 880">All other outcomes are published both on the force's website and on the police.uk website.</p>