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Dear Debbie,

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 18 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: recording and publishing outcomes including showing the connection between the outcomes and the objects of the search. 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 in annex A.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for Dorset Police

BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
Recording and publishing the full	The force is compliant with this feature
set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects	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.
	All outcome data and the connection between outcomes and objects 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.