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By email:

Chief Constable Charlie Hall

Hertfordshire Constabulary

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Dear Charlie,

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 outcomes and objects. I am pleased to confirm that our recent revisit has found that the force is now complying with this feature of the scheme. Our assessment is set out at annex A.

Yours sincerely

Zoë Billingham

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Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for Hertfordshire Constabulary

Recording and publishing outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects	
The force is compliant	
BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
Recording outcomes	The force records the full range of outcomes and identifies if there is a connection between the outcome and the object of the search.
Publishing outcomes	All outcome data are published on the police.uk website and there is a link on the force's stop and search performance webpage directing the public to the data on the police.uk website.
Showing the connection between outcomes and objects	Data showing the connection between outcomes and objects searched for are published on the police.uk website.