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By email:

Mr Steve Finnigan CBE QPM  
Chief Constable  
Lancashire Constabulary

Dear Steve,

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

Further to my letter dated 23 June 2016, I am writing to inform you of our 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.

I am pleased to inform you that our recent assessment found that the force is now complying with all features of the scheme.

Our detailed assessment is set out at Annex A.

Yours sincerely



**Michael Cunningham**  
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cc. PCC  
Force Liaison

**Annex A: 2016 Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme revisit  
assessment of Lancashire Constabulary**

BUSS scheme feature	2016 HMIC assessment
<p><b>Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></p> <p>The force records and publishes the full range of stop and search outcomes, including whether the outcomes of searches were linked to the object(s) searched for.</p> <p>The data are published on the police.uk website. There is a clear link from the force’s website to the Lancashire Constabulary Stop and Search Overview page on the police.uk website.</p>
<p><b>Providing opportunities for the public to observe the use of stop and search powers</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></p> <p>The force has a ride-along scheme. The stop and search page on the force’s website includes information on the 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><b>Implementing a community complaints trigger</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></p> <p>The force has a community complaints trigger. The trigger is activated when the force receives complaints about stop and search.</p> <p>When the trigger is activated, the force explains the use of the power to its independent scrutiny panel. The force has posted on its website a document containing useful information about the community trigger, how to complain and what will happen as a result.</p> <p>The stop and search form the force gives to people whom it stops and searches also provides details about how to make a complaint, as does the receipt the force gives to people whose stop and search encounter is recorded on a mobile data terminal.</p> <p>Additionally, the force provides officers with ‘know your rights’ leaflets to be given to people who are stopped and searched. The stop and search policy could be enhanced by the inclusion of an explicit instruction to officers to give a ‘know your rights’ leaflet to every subject.</p> <p>When complaints are received, the force considers inviting the complainant to take part in its ride-along scheme to get an insight into police work. This is considered to be good practice.</p>

<p><b>Reducing stop and search encounters made under section 60, Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></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><b>Monitoring the use of stop and search powers, with particular regard to the impact on black, Asian and minority ethnic people and young people</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></p> <p>The force monitors data on ethnicity and age.</p> <p>However, the analysis and subsequent monitoring could be enhanced by monitoring data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the reason by ethnicity and age;</li> <li>• the outcome rates (not just the arrest rate), by ethnicity and age;</li> <li>• the rate at which the item searched for is found, by ethnicity and age; and</li> <li>• individual officer/team data – totals, outcomes and find rate, by ethnicity and age.</li> </ul>