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By email:
Chief Constable Andy Cooke, QPM
Merseyside Police

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Dear Andy,

**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 22 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 detailed assessment is set out at annex A.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Cunningham**
**HM Inspector of Constabulary**

**Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for Merseyside Police**

| BUSS scheme feature | 2016 HMIC assessment |
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| Recording and publishing the full set of outcomes including showing the connection between outcomes and objects | **The force is compliant with this feature** |
| | The force records the full range of outcomes and is able to determine if there is a connection between the outcome and the object of the search.<br><br>All outcome data and the connection between outcomes and objects are published on the police.uk website. There is a link on the force's stop and search webpage directing the public to the data on the police.uk website. However, the link does not lead directly to the stop and search overview page in which the data are published but requires the reader to navigate the police.uk website to reach them. It would be helpful if the link led directly to the stop and search overview page. |