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By email:  
Chief Constable Mark Polin, QPM  
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Dear Mark,

**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: providing opportunities for the public to patrol with officers when they might use stop and search powers. 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 in annex A.

Yours sincerely

**Wendy Williams**  
**HM Inspector of Constabulary**

**Annex A: 2016 BUSS scheme revisit assessment for North Wales Police**

<b>BUSS scheme feature</b>	<b>2016 HMIC assessment</b>
<p>Providing opportunities for the public to observe the use of stop and search powers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The force is compliant with this feature</b></p> <p>The force provides opportunities for the public to patrol with officers when they might use stop and search powers. It has a standalone ride-along policy which sets out how this takes place.</p> <p>The opportunity is clearly promoted on the force’s website and applications are restricted to persons of 18 years or over.</p> <p>The safety of participants is managed and the force gathers feedback from observers and circulates it to staff in the relevant local policing area and to any other relevant department, dependent on content. Themes are discussed at the scrutiny board.</p>