

SUBJECT: STOP AND SEARCH – QUARTERLY UPDATE

Report of the Chief Constable

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the use of stop and search powers. It provides an update regarding ongoing work, the recent HMIC inspection, the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme, and future developments. It also provides performance data in relation to how stop and search powers have been used in the previous 12 month period to March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner uses this report to scrutinise Force activity in respect of the use of 'Stop & Search' powers.

PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN

3. The impact of Stop and Search on communities can be significant and as such the delivery of Stop and Search powers is reflected in the Police and Crime Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has committed to hold the Chief Constable to account to ensure Stop and Search activity is used appropriately, proportionately, in the pursuit of a legitimate aim and in a way that can be explained by the searching officer to the person stopped.
 - The attached report is part of regular quarterly PCC scrutiny, the format of the report has recently been jointly reviewed.
 - The PCC will be working with the CC to undertake some joint consultation regarding stop and search encounters.
 - The OPCC are visiting the Force Scrutiny groups which cover Stop and Search.
 - The PCC has asked Audit to review the implementation of their recommendations which followed the HMIC Inspection.
 - The PCC has met with HMIC to discuss his oversight and scrutiny of Stop and Search.

ATTACHMENTS

- [Chief Constable's Quarterly Report on Stop and Search](#). (PDF 177KB)
- [Stop and Search Statistics for April 2014 – March 2015](#). (PDF 259KB)