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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
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*Dear Theresa*

I am writing in response to the HMIC's inspection report; stop and search powers 2: Are the police using them effectively inspection report for West Yorkshire, which was published in August 2015. As you will be aware, this report followed on from the national thematic report published in March 2015. Both the Chief Constable and I appreciate the additional feedback specific to West Yorkshire Police and have discussed the findings and recommendations within it.

Again I would like to assure you that ensuring stop and search powers are used appropriately by the police is a crucial priority and is reflected in my police and crime plan. We have made good progress over the past year to make the use of these powers more transparent and accountable and will continue to do so going forward. Unfortunately I feel that much of this work has not been reflected in the inspection report due largely to the length of time between the force inspection in January and the release of the report in August. On a positive note, the initial feedback through the hot debrief allowed us to identify the key areas of concern and I am pleased to see that as a result, many of the recommendations are already being addressed.

Yours sincerely

*Regards*

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