

**Response from Kevin Hurley, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey on the HMIC report '*Stop and Search Powers: Are the police using them effectively and fairly*'**

Stop and Search is a vital tool for policing in this country. This HMIC Inspection is a timely reminder of the use of this power and that we need to ensure that the police make best use of Stop and Search to tackle those who commit crimes in Surrey and blight people's lives.

I welcome the findings from HMIC that Surrey Police use their powers appropriately. Stop and Search presents a legitimate and effective means for officers to keep the public safe from harm, in line with the strategy of zero tolerance policing. Surrey Police have seen an increase in Stop and Search activity during the last 12 months. I welcome this. I am pleased to note that Surrey officers who were spoken to by HMIC understand the powers and have an ethos of respect and politeness in the powers' use.

The HMIC report makes a number of national recommendations and I am content that Surrey Police are taking these into account, including an intelligence review to ensure briefings are timely and underpinned by analysis to assist in the targeting of Stop and Search powers. Work is also being carried out to increase the monitoring of the powers, the targeted use of training, and the mechanisms for community involvement and feedback around the powers. Action planning is taking place in relation to Surrey-specific points of note, and national recommendations.

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