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Cc: Drusilla Sharpling
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Dear Home Secretary,

As required within Section 55(5) of the Police Act 1996, I am required to comment on reports published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in respect of my force.

I write in respect to the recently published findings of Dyfed-Powys that was used to inform the HMIC national review '*Stop and Search Powers: are the police using them effectively and fairly*'.

Stop and search is an important power for the police, and vital that it is used in the right way. We need to do the right thing for the public of Dyfed-Powys which includes looking carefully at how we can improve our use of stop and search.

I am satisfied that the HMIC report acknowledges the force's work on improving the use of stop and search. A working group is taking forward improvements in the use and recording of stop and search, and we hope to have significantly improved the approach applied in Dyfed-Powys by the time HMIC re-inspect this area in 18 months' time.

I recognise fully that more needs to be done to make information available to the public on how the power is being used in Dyfed-Powys. I also recognise that the force needs to listen better to the views of those who are stopped and searched, and act on feedback gained. This will give us a fuller understanding of the impact that stop and search has on our communities and the confidence they have in the police.

I will continue to closely scrutinise developments planned around stop and search, and ensure that the public have the opportunity to scrutinise our force's stop and search records. Plans are in place to implement this immediately.

A copy of this response is placed on my [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Salmon
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