

The Chief Constable responded to a recent HMIC Stop and Search report at the PCC's public facing meeting held on 30 July 2015.

(A copy of this report can be viewed on pages 186 – 215 of the following agenda papers:
<http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/P-P-M-30-JULY-2015.pdf>)

PCC Anthony Stansfeld said:

"After considering the progress made in response to the thematic report of 2013, and of its recommendations to the 2015 review, I am satisfied with the Force's approach in meeting HMIC's challenges to Stop and Search.

One particular HMIC recommendation that I welcome is the setting up of a scrutiny process which will require the Chief Constable to report to me – at least annually - on the use of Stop and Search powers. Thames Valley Police is developing this area which is scheduled to be in place by April 2016.

Linked to HMIC's report, I am also monitoring the Force's commitment to embed the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search scheme - an action plan is in place to further enhance a number of policies and practice.

The Force's strategic approach is positive and this is reflected by front-line officers who continue to exercise their professional judgement in the proportionate use of Stop and Search across our communities in Thames Valley"