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Dear Home Secretary

**RE: HMICFRS Inspection: Disproportionate Use of Police Powers: A spotlight on Stop and Search (published February 2021).**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this inspection report. The report recognises that there are improvements which could be made to the way police forces use their power in relation to Stop and Search.

While the inspection was not specifically about Suffolk Constabulary, there are some positive messages the report provides about the approach in Suffolk. It is clear from the data that the force is striking a balance in terms of its use of intelligence led searches, and its focus on drug supply. That said, there are a number of recommendations and areas for improvement identified which fall to Chief Constables. Those are highlighted in the attached response from Suffolk Constabulary, along with the action being taken to address these issues.

I will review progress through my Accountability and Performance Panel meetings. Where I have regular reports on HMICFRS inspection findings, but also on Suffolk Constabulary's use of stop and search and its work with the community to scrutinise practice.

Yours sincerely



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