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<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Actions/ Initiatives:</u>	<u>Progress:</u>	<u>Owned by:</u>	<u>Target date for completion:</u>
1. With immediate effect, while changes to the Authorised Professional Practice are being considered, the College of Policing should publish a working definition of what constitutes an effective and fair stop and search encounter.	Action owned by the College of Policing.	On-going	College of Policing.	01.07.15
2. Chief constables should, with immediate effect, develop plans that set out how each force will complete the action required to make good progress in relation to the recommendations in HMIC's 2013 report, and publish these plans so that the public can easily see them on their websites. These plans should include the action forces are taking to comply fully with the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme, initiated in April 2014 by the Home Secretary. HMIC expects chief constables to use the self-assessments they completed as part of this inspection to formulate their plans, alongside any other relevant information. We expect all forces to have completed, or to be making good progress in relation to, the recommended actions by	Please see 2013 HMIC document for detailed progress.	On-going	Superintendent Mason	01.07.15 and 01.11.15



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November 2015.				
3. Within twelve months, chief constables and the College of Policing should agree and implement a set of minimum recording standards for the police use of the Road Traffic Act 1988 power to stop motor vehicles and the Police Reform Act 2002 powers to search for and seize alcohol and tobacco from young people for the purpose of assessing their effective and fair use;	Action owned by the College of Policing.	On-going	College of Policing.	01.04.16
4. Within twelve months, the Home Office should establish a requirement for sufficient data to be recorded and published in the Annual Data Requirement to allow the public to assess how effective and fair the police are when they use these powers.	Action owned by Home Office.	On-going	Home Office	01.04.16
5. Within twelve months, the Home Office should incorporate the Road Traffic Act power to stop motor vehicles and the Police Reform Act Powers to search for and seize alcohol and tobacco into Code A, so that officers are provided guidance about how they should use these powers in the same way that Code A provides guidance about stop and search powers.	Action owned by Home Office.	On-going	Home Office	01.04.16



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6. Within twelve months, the College of Policing should make sure that the relevant Authorised Professional Practice and the stop and search national training curriculum include instruction and guidance about how officers should use the Road Traffic Act 1988 power to stop motor vehicles and the Police Reform Act 2002 powers to search for and seize alcohol and tobacco from young people in a way that is effective and fair.	Action owned by the College of Policing.	On-going	College of Policing.	01.04.16
7. Within three months, chief constables should require their officers to record all searches which involve the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket or gloves. This record must specify: the clothing that was removed; the age of the person searched; whether the removal of clothing revealed intimate parts of the person's body; the location of the search including whether or not it was conducted in public view; and the sex of the officers present.	Suffolk already record most of this requirement with the exception of the specifics of which items are removed. All other requirements are recorded. Force lead working with Athena to make sure Athena is compliant with this requirement in October 2015. To make changes to the form / database now to be compliant with this request is cost prohibitive given the impending ICT software change.	On-going	Superintendent Mason.	01.10.15



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8. Within twelve months, the Home Office should incorporate into Code A a requirement for the recording of all searches which involve the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket or gloves and a requirement for officers to seek the authority of a supervising officer before strip searching children.	Home office developing this.	On-going	Home Office	01.04.16
9. Within twelve months, the Home Office should work with forces to establish a requirement for sufficient data to be published in the Annual Data Requirement to allow the public to see whether or not the way that police conduct searches that involve the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket or gloves is lawful, necessary and appropriate.	Home office developing this.	On-going	Home Office	01.04.16
10. Within three months, chief constables should put in place a process to report, at least once a year, the information they get from recording searches that involve the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket or gloves to their respective police and crime commissioners and to any community representatives who are	Suffolk Constabulary already produces reports to the OPCC and interested parties around stop search. This will be expanded to include the requirement around removal of outer clothing. This has been fed into JPAD. However as point 7 above a small part of this this will be delayed until the implementation of Athena.	On-going	Superintendent Mason.	01.04.16



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<p>engaged in the scrutiny of the use of stop and search powers to help them assess whether these searches are lawful, necessary and appropriate.</p>				
<p>11. Within twelve months, the College of Policing should make sure that the relevant Authorised Professional Practice and the stop and search national training curriculum include instruction and guidance about how to make sure that searches that involve the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket or gloves are conducted in a way that are lawful, necessary and appropriate.</p>	<p>Action owned by the College of Policing.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>College of Policing.</p>	<p>01.04.16</p>

