

Police statement in response to Scottish Government stop and search consultations



Police Scotland's Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams has given a supporting statement in response to the Scottish Government stop and search consultations.

The consultations are part of a commitment to ensure the police have appropriate powers to protect the public and provide safeguards around the use of stop and search.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams, who has strategic lead for stop and search, said: "Stop and search is a really valuable policing tool which officers can use in an intelligence-led way to help deal with issues like anti-social behaviour, drug dealing, theft and disorder.

"Over the last year, we have been working through a substantial programme of improvement around the use and recording of stop and search.

"The consultation on the new Code and the powers of search for alcohol mark another significant milestone and step forward."