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Stop and Search

Policy

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3.00	Amendment to paragraph 5 after consultation with the Scottish Police Federation to clarify the position on search of a child under the age of 12.	27/11/2015
4.00	Revised Policy aligned to new Code of Practice on the Exercise by Constables of Powers of Stop and Search of the Person in Scotland	03/05/2017

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The Police Service of Scotland, hereafter referred to as Police Scotland, will use Stop and Search as an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, with the intention of keeping people safe and to improve community wellbeing.

Police Scotland recognise that stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and are committed to ensuring that when it is necessary to conduct a stop and search it is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Whilst carrying out a stop and search, officers will act in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Exercise by Constables of Powers of Stop and Search of the Person in Scotland and Police Scotland's core values of fairness, integrity and respect. Police Scotland will ensure that an individual's rights are upheld in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equalities Act 2010.