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Dear Sir/Madam

Use of Fingerprints and DNA Samples in PCSO Recruitment Vetting Procedures

The attached paper sets out a proposal prepared by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) National Vetting Working Group. The proposal is that prior to appointment all prospective Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) recommended for appointment provide samples for a speculative search of the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) and the national DNA database (NDNAD).

The Police Staff Council (PSC) which includes representation from the Association of Police Authorities, ACPO, Home Office, UNISON, GMB and T&GWU endorse the attached proposal.

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Yours faithfully

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