

Police Stop and Search Update

Early this year, Gordon Jenkins and I wrote to the 6 Constabularies in which our UK based clubs fall; Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cumbria, Derbyshire and of course Lancashire and Cheshire. We asked each Chief Constable what advice/training the Constabularies gave their officers with regard to photographers' rights and the Stop and Search procedure and if they would endorse our wording for a planned photographer's card. This, I think, has been reported in the notes from previous executive meetings. The replies received ranged from "very helpful and showed the Constabulary was up to speed" to "most unhelpful".

Since receiving those five replies (the Greater Manchester Chief Constable did not reply), I have now written to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), copying those 5 replies and again asking for endorsement of our wording.

Meanwhile the 2011 Remedial Order to the Terrorism Act 2000 has come into force and a pdf document has been published by the Home Office entitled "Terrorism Act 2000 Code of Practice (England Wales and Scotland) for the Authorisation and Exercise of Stop and Search Powers Relating to Section 47A of the Schedule 6B to the Terrorism Act 2000." You can see the document [here](#). Page 19 deals with photography. Presumably this now forms the basis for police officers' training. I await ACPO's reply.

Watch for updates in the reports of the L&CPU Executive meetings.

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