

# Stop and Scan: the process



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## Scan

Officer judges whether the person is 'who they say they are' based on looking at them

## Search

Officer can search the criminal database and/or the Home Office database

## Home Office flag

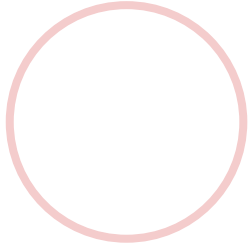
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## Call Home Office

If a flag is returned, the officer must call Home Office Command and Control

## Detention

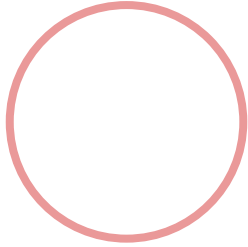
Home Office enforcement may then put the person in indefinite detention or deport them.



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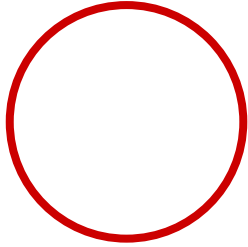
- What controls are in place to guard against racial profiling?
- What was the racial demographic of those stopped in the pilot?
- What types of offences have merited a stop, with what frequency?
- If the officer deemed an offence to have taken place amid a group, how many people from each group were asked for ID and scanned?
- How will WYP contain the risk of innocent citizens having fingerprints taken? What level of offence merits such an invasion of citizen privacy and potential consequences?



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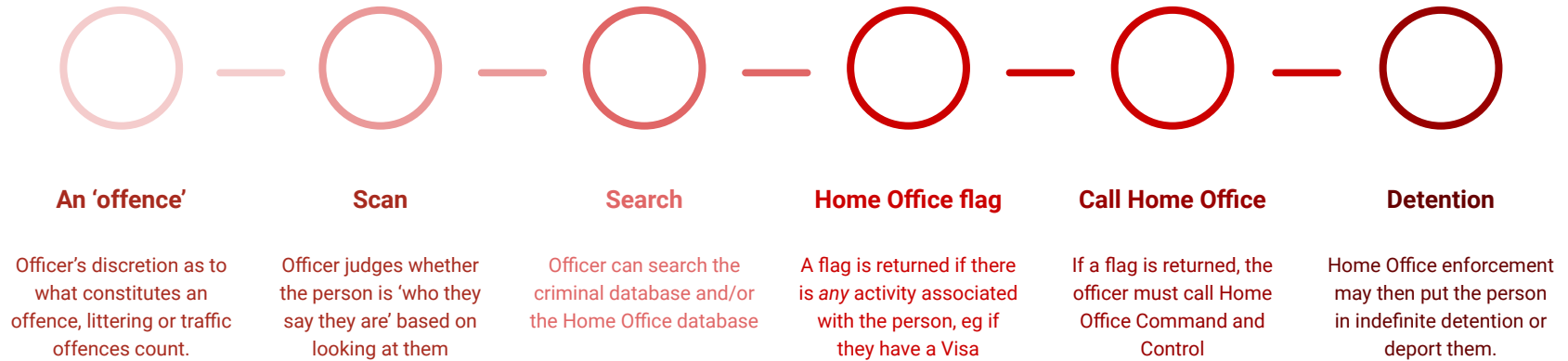
- How can an officer make this judgement call without racial profiling or transphobia?
- What audit trail is left of the stop and scan on the database?
- What records are left on the national criminal and Home Office databases?
- How can scanning prints in the field be justified when the person isn't under arrest?



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- What % of search results actually indicates something meaningful about the person's status?
- How many people who are not deemed 'foreign national offenders' but who have Home Office database flags have been reported? In what circumstances would they not be reported?
- How can a database with independently-judged data flaws be used for border control purposes?



- How many people have been detained or deported as a result of this process?
- What was the racial demographic of these people?
- What were the offences that led to their incarceration or removal?
- How well do police understand the holistic impact of this new measure on their communities?

# Campaign name and hashtag ideas

- HandsOffOurPrints
- OurPrintsArePrivate
- OurPrintsArentPublic
- ProtectPrintPrivacy
- EndStopAndScan
- NoToScanningTheStreets
- KeepScanningOffOurStreets
- ScanFreeStreets
- KeepScanningInStations
- PoliceWantYourPrints
- KeepPrintsPrivate

# Ideas for awareness building so far

- SP and Gabriella - how to do Fol
- Story board a video Rob could make
- Bring a list of contacts who could support (mapping exercise, include surveillance/privacy orgs)
- Timeline of RJN attempts to engage
- Collect more sigs, change.org petition
- BBC interview? If we think it's not a trap
- Build website/soc media presence with info, support and calls to action
- Plan a social media campaign to try and trend

# OLD Outreach email draft

West Yorkshire Police are rolling out mobile fingerprint scanning devices across the region this month, as well as supporting nationwide forces to do the same.

The initiative relies on police judgement of what constitutes an offence and whether the person's identity is as they say, that is it carries with it the same inherent racial bias as stop and search, as well as posing another risk to the safety of trans people.

Despite prolonged requests by the Racial Justice Network, the initiative has gone through no ethical scrutiny. We are gravely concerned about its impact on our community.

We are inviting groups and individuals to share our concerns to help spread the word and join us in our demands to the police:

- To end the stop and scan initiative immediately, before it irreparably damages relations between police and communities
- To sever all connections between police activity and Home Office databases, to avoid the police becoming an extension of border enforcement
- To keep fingerprint scanning a step that only happens in police stations following arrest in order to protect citizen privacy rights
- To publicly release the racial demographic data taken in the initiative pilot (and answer the Qs in the flowchart?)

To find out how you can resist mobile fingerprinting in your area, contact us at (email).