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NBPA Response to Comments on Stop & Search by Trevor Phillips

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“These past few weeks have been devastatingly tragic for the families of several young men who have died in the recent spate of violent crime. This includes the five recent fatal stabbings in London over six days.

While one of her predecessors calls for more cops, the Met Commissioner Cressida Dick assures us that the violence has plateaued. Presumably down to good old fashioned policing – boots on the ground and by engaging with communities bearing the brunt of this violence. The NBPA has long said that these communities hold the information and links to deal with knife and gun crime. We welcome the use of community involved section 60 Stop & Searches to tackle reports of knife crime and serious violence.

“So now is not the time to falter, lose heart and pander to calls from the right-wing law and order junkies. We will not Stop and Search our way out of violence, neither will suspending race discrimination amid siren calls about black children killing black children.” (You’re not even close to being factually correct Trevor - most of the people were cautioned, reprimanded or convicted for carrying a knife in England and Wales this year were adults; about one in five were under the age of 18).

And suggestions such as “we lower the standards of suspicion for stops” is the worst advice yet. We might as well ask for the old ‘sus’ laws again, allow racial profiling, indiscriminate targeting of black communities and end up further alienating the people that we need to work with. To fail to learn the lessons of history dooms us to repeat them. Hard won confidence in policing will be lost for generations.

“I applaud the Policing Minister Nick Hurd’s swift rebuttal of siren calls. I am also calling on the Met Commissioner to hold her nerve, and for Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London to give her the additional police officers needed, including recruiting directly from those affected communities - lets ignore ill-informed knee jerk reactions and political rhetoric to fuel discrimination of minority communities”

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