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Dear ██████████

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for ██████████ ██████████ to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 25 April 2017.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this was a good report which has sensitively captured the key elements of this sad case. The Panel particularly commended the use of pseudonyms which helped humanise the review.

There were, however, some other aspects of the report which the Panel felt could benefit from further analysis or be revised which you will wish to consider:

- The Panel felt it may have been helpful to approach the victim's friends, which is particularly relevant in cases where a partner is described as "always present" during appointments and other events as this *could* indicate controlling behaviour and isolation;
- For transparency, it would be helpful if the report could give details of the chair and set out his independence;
- The Panel noted there was no voluntary sector or specialist representation on the review panel. We recognise that you cannot go back and do this part of the review again, but we ask that you consider this for future reviews;
- Although relevant, equality and diversity issues have not been considered in the review;

- You may wish to consider whether the third recommendation for George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust on page 59 of the report could be more sensitively framed;
- The Panel felt that the learning identified for Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers on page 12 of the report could be expanded to include knowing how to spot signs of abuse;
- Please proof read as some sentences have words missing.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful if you could email us at DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to your PCC for information.

Yours sincerely


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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel



