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Dear Ildiko,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Denise) for East Hertfordshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please find the QA Board's feedback in the form below. On completion of the changes suggested the DHR may be published.

Once completed the Home Office would be grateful if you could provide us with a digital copy of the revised final version of the report with all finalised attachments and appendices and the weblink to the site where the report will be published. Please ensure this letter and the feedback form is published alongside the report.

Please send the digital copy and weblink to [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk). This is for our own records for future analysis to go towards highlighting best practice and to inform public policy.

The DHR report including the executive summary and action plan should be converted to a PDF document and be smaller than 20 MB in size; this final Home Office QA Board letter and feedback form should be attached to the end of the report as an annex; and the DHR Action Plan should be added to the report as an annex. This should include all implementation updates and note that the action plan is a live document and subject to change as outcomes are delivered.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner at [DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto:DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk)

On behalf of the QA Board, I would like to thank you, the report chair and author, and other colleagues for the considerable work that you have put into this review.

Yours sincerely,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Board

**DHR QA Board Feedback for the Community Safety Partnership**

<b>TITLE OF DHR</b>	Denise
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP</b>	East Hertfordshire
<b>DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD</b>	03 December 2025
<b>DECISION</b>	Publish with amendments
<b>GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a very moving tribute is paid by Denise’s family at the start of the report, providing an insight to her as a person, daughter, sister and friend.</li> <li>• Learning from another DHR commissioned within the CSP area and learnings is linked in, which is helpful.</li> <li>• It is positive that the review process has led to a greater understanding of the risk that Garry poses by probation.</li> <li>• Although the report excludes details of Gary’s offending, the rationale is set out well in the background information section.</li> <li>• The combined chronology works well to incorporate Denise’s perspective, based on agency information detailing her responses.</li> <li>• The report offers a very well-balanced conclusion about the involvement of cuckooing at section 5.12.</li> </ul>
<b>FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs</b>	It would have been helpful to have had public health suicide prevention representation on panel. Please consider including this in future reviews.

	<b>DHR SECTION</b>	<b>DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)</b>
	Title Page	Please remove the year Denise was born from the title page in both the overview report and the executive summary.
1	Contents Page	No amendments required.
2	Pen Portrait	No amendments required.
3	Condolences	No amendments required.
4	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.

5	Terms of Reference	Please clarify if the family were involved in the development of the terms of reference.
6	Equality and Diversity	Sex, pregnancy and disability are covered well. However, this section doesn't state Denise's age or race. Please consider covering these protected characteristics.
7	Background Information	No amendments required.
8	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
9	Overview	No amendments required.
10	Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is preferable not to embed documents within the report but instead, discuss the findings of the document. Please amend accordingly.</li> <li>• In section 4.14, the statement needs qualifying 'Probation will often have restrictions they can impose on someone if they are concerned about their risk to members of the public, in this case Denise and other residents at the block of flats'. The ability to impose restrictions is based on the sentence given. If Gary is serving a Community Order, the restrictions in place are primarily set by the Court at the point of sentencing. Please reflect this in the aforementioned sentence.</li> </ul>
11	Conclusions	No amendments required.
12	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments required.
13	Timescales	Please provide an explanation for the reason behind the 6-month gap between commissioning the DHR and the first meeting.
14	Involvement of family / friends / community	The report does not mention consideration of speaking with Gary to inform the review; an explanation of this decision would be helpful.
16	DHR contributors	In section 1.8.3, please change 'National Probation Officer' to 'Probation Service' in the organisation column.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.

19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	Please evidence that consideration has been given to key dates on which to avoid publication and provide family support if needed.
21	Action Plan	A number of actions have been updated and there is evidence that they are being progressed, however there is no detail included. Please include this before publication.
22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? <i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i>	No requests to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	