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Dear Katie,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Marie) for Welwyn Hatfield Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in April 2022.

The QA Panel felt the report was detailed and thorough with an extended time span of the victim's life and associated reports. The review makes good use of research throughout and good practice is highlighted. The review is sensitive, including a fitting tribute to Marie's paternal grandmother, who had passed, but contributed greatly to the challenge of the inquest and towards a second DHR. The QA Panel noted that the DHR does not use victim blaming language and is appropriately critical of all agencies involved, noting missed opportunities. There is also specialist domestic abuse provision on the panel.

The Home Office noted that the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now be published.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a finalised digital copy of the report with attachments and the weblink to the site where the report will be published. Please ensure this letter is published alongside the report.

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

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk.

On behalf of the QA Panel, 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,

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel