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27th November 2025

Dear Dr Cseri,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Louise) 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 5th November 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. 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

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

TITLE OF DHR	Louise
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	East Hertfordshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	5 th November 2025
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is evident that good attempts were made by the Chair to contact Louise's family and offer them the opportunity to be involved in the review. • It is positive that a number of different agencies provided helpful contributions to the report.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	No amendments required.
2	Contents Page	It would be helpful if page numbers were added to the executive summary.
3	Pen Portrait	It would be helpful if a pen portrait was added for Louise.
4	Condolences	Currently, condolences to Louise's family appear at 1.12 in the Executive Summary and 1.6.7 in the Overview Report. It is recommended that the condolences be moved to the commencement of the report (e.g. immediately after the title page or introduction) to ensure a respectful and prominent acknowledgment.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	Louise's exact date of death is recorded within both executive summary and overview report. Only the month and year is required, and this should be amended accordingly.
6	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.
7	Equality and Diversity	The section is currently too brief and lacks depth. Specific protected characteristics relating to Louise are not identified and there is no analysis of intersectionality between domestic abuse, mental health, and suicidality. Please expand the section to

		identify relevant protected characteristics (e.g., age, sex, ethnicity, disability). Please consider including an intersectional analysis showing how these factors can interact with domestic abuse.
8	Background Information	No amendments required.
9	Combined Chronology	In the Overview Report at section 14.38, the term "victimless prosecution" should be replaced with "evidence-led prosecution". Please check for other occurrences of "victimless prosecution" throughout the Overview Report and update them for consistency.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	No amendments required.
12	Conclusions	No amendments required.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments required.
14	Timescales	There is no explanation given as to why the review commenced in January 2024, when the Home Office had been notified that a DHR was to be commissioned in September 2022. Please provide reasoning for this.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	No amendments required.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments required.
17	DHR Panel	The panel was made up mainly of statutory agencies, there was no public health suicide prevention representative on panel. Please consider this for any future DHRs undertaken.
18	DHR Author	The report author does not state their professional background, which should be added.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	No amendments required.

21	Action Plan	The action plan should be separate from the executive summary and included in the overview report.
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 request to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	A thorough proofread is recommended prior to publication to correct typos and missing information where the Chair intends to make amendments.