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15th April 2026

Dear Ildiko,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Nancy) for North Hertfordshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 26th February 2026. 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	Nancy
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	North Hertfordshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	26 th February 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel appropriately requested input from a dementia specialist to support their analysis and ensure informed understanding of the context. This was commended as good practice. • A Safeguarding Adult Review was commissioned early in the process due to the delay. The pseudonyms used in this report were retained from this, in agreement with the family, to maintain consistency and avoid confusion. • Nancy's family were engaged in the review and very moving and impactful tributes were provided by Nancy's daughters, which provided an insight to her as a wife, mother, grandmother and person.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	No amendments required.
2	Contents Page	No amendments required.
3	Pen Portrait	No amendments required.
4	Condolences	No amendments required.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.
6	Terms of Reference	Please state whether Nancy's family had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the terms of reference.
7	Equality and Diversity	No amendments required.

8	Background Information	No amendments required.
9	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	As the panel concludes that Nancy was subjected to domestic abuse by Ronald over several years, the analysis should consider how Ronald may have used Nancy's dementia to shape or control the narrative presented to professionals. This is an important dynamic for practitioners to recognise, particularly where cognitive decline may obscure the victim's ability to report harm or challenge the perpetrator's account.
12	Conclusions	No amendments required.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments required.
14	Timescales	No amendments required.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	No amendments required.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments required.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	Please confirm whether Nancy's family has been consulted regarding any dates to avoid for publication of the report, and whether they have been asked if they require any support.
21	Action Plan	No amendments required.

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	