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30 September 2014

Dear Ms Harris,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for Somerset to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The review was considered at the September Panel meeting.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final overview report. In terms of the assessment of reports, the QA Panel judges them as either adequate or inadequate. It is clear that a lot of effort has gone into producing this report and I am pleased to tell you that it has been judged as adequate by the QA Panel.

The QA Panel felt that this was an excellent report and commended the recognition of the circumstances of this case as warranting a DHR.

The Panel has asked that you consider the following points ahead of the publication of the report:

- The report states that in March 2012, Mr D referred to MARAC. You may wish to provide some clarification on whether that referral relates to Mr D's relationship with the victim or a previous relationship (pg. 25).
- For future reviews, you may wish to consider the use of pseudonyms to improve the readability of the report.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but we would ask you to include our letter when you publish the report.

I would like to thank you once again for submitting your report for consideration by the Home Office Domestic Homicide Review Quality Assurance Panel.

Yours sincerely,

Christian Papaleontiou, Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel
Head of the Interpersonal Violence Team, Safeguarding & Vulnerable People Unit