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Dear Ms Spencer,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Somerset (“Eleanor”) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 21 March 2018. I apologise for the delay in providing the Panel’s feedback.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this was a clear, focused report which identifies some useful practical lessons relating to multi-agency working. The Panel also noted and commended the breadth and expertise of the review panel.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt may benefit from further analysis, or be revised, which you will wish to consider:

- The Panel felt the recommendation in relation to MARAC at 17.3.1 could be strengthened;
- You may wish to consider whether a recommendation should be included to address the support available to victims when they are in temporary accommodation;
- It may have been helpful if the review examined the impact of having two children taken into care and how this links in with an abusive relationship and self harming behaviour;

- In relation to equality and diversity, the review found that none of the protected characteristics were found to be relevant. However, the Panel felt that disability, sex and mental health were considered to be relevant to this case;
- The Panel noted that no executive summary was provided in line with the statutory guidance;
- You may wish to remove the precise date of death to increase anonymity;
- Please review the report for typing errors.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful if you could email us at [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to the PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel