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Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review report (Diane) for Somerset Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office. The report was reassessed in January 2022.

The QA Panel felt the DHR is sensitively written, aided by the impactful introduction featuring condolences to open the report followed by a pen portrait written by Diane's partner. This sets the scene and presents a powerful message that fully engages the reader. The review makes great effort to speak to Diane's friends and her new partner, with their contributions adding real value to the review and giving a clear picture of both the history and sequence of events which led to the homicide.

The lessons learned and recommendations in the review feel appropriate including good national learning around firearm licences, particularly the lack of guidance for GPs related to this which is commended by the Panel. There is also helpful comparison given between the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency response to revoking licences and framework for managing this.

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