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Dear Lin

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Theresa) for Swindon CSP to the Home Office. The report was assessed by the Quality Assurance Panel (QA) on 11 December 2019.

The QA Panel noted that this is a comprehensive, critical and holistic report that highlights the complexities of the case and the multi-agency approach required to address similar scenarios in the future. The Panel particularly commended the way in which the report is open, honest and transparent. In particular, that it is wide-ranging in scope and serves the memory of the deceased well. They also drew attention to the way in which the review successfully probes key issues and how lessons learned have been translated into appropriate actions.

There were some aspects of the report which the QA Panel felt needed further revision but did not warrant oversight by the QA Panel. On completion of these changes the DHR may be published.

## Areas of final development include:

- The Panel felt it would be prudent to review the formatting of section seven. To bring balance to the report it would benefit the report to reformat paragraph 7.11 to underneath paragraph 7.5 regarding what is stated by the husband and the mother on behalf of the deceased. In addition, for consistency with other family members input, it is suggested that the husband's comments be reformatted to look like the rest of the report.
- It would be helpful to clarify at paragraph 8.1 how it was known that the victim attended Alcoholics Anonymous.
- It would be helpful for the report to highlight effective practice at a local level. This
  includes Swindon Women's Aid and Hometruths ensuring that all their personnel had
  received up to date training on how technology can be used for stalking and coercive



control. An addition of a national recommendation for the Home Office would also be beneficial.

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 send the digital copy and weblink to <a href="mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk">DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk</a>. This is for our own records for future analysis to go towards highlighting best practice and to inform public policy.

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

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Joint Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel