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Dear Katie,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Angela) for Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 30th April 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel noted the touching tributes and sincere condolences at the opening of this report, ensuring Angela's voice was central to the review. There was also a robust critical analysis of the agencies involved and a public health suicide prevention representative on panel, which was helpful to provide the lens of mental health, domestic abuse and suicidality.

The QA Panel felt that there are some aspects of the report which may benefit from further revision. The Home Office agrees with the CSP's request that the report should not be published in full, and that learning should be disseminated locally.

Areas for final development:

- The Domestic Abuse Commissioner's office should be added to the dissemination list.
- In paragraph 10.1, it is identified that a timely referral was made to the CSP for consideration of a DHR, however, there is no explanation as to why it took a further eight months to inform the Home Office that a DHR was to be commissioned. Please clarify if this is due to local police undertaking an investigation, and if so, also include the outcome of this.
- Although the relevant protected characteristics are set out in Section 11, there
 could be further exploration of their potential impact, drawing on relevant
 research.
- It would have been easier to follow the chronology if other people in the report were given pseudonyms, rather than 'person 1'.

- Both the executive summary and overview report should be marked as confidential.
- The executive summary states the panel met three times, but the overview report states they met six times. This needs to be checked and amended for accuracy.

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 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 Panel feedback letter 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 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,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel