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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for Stockport to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the April 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 would like to commend you on a well considered report which represented the victim well. The Panel wanted to commend the efforts you have gone to in order to address the points raised during their previous consideration of the report and that some good points of learning have been identified. The Panel felt that the report might benefit from consideration of the following points prior to publication:

- Please provide clarity around the involvement of friends and family in this review.
- Please clarify what attempts were employed to use advocates other than the police to engage the family and friends in the review.
- Please provide clarification around the independence of Chair and confirm whether the commissioners were happy that the chair was independent and had a demonstrable understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and abuse.
- DHRs should recognise that behaviour can be violent even if it is not physical. Please ensure that this is demonstrated in the report.

- Future reviews should always include representation from domestic violence specialists and the voluntary sector as they can provide a unique insight into the dynamics of domestic violence and abuse.
- Please ensure that the learning around the ambulance service is up-to-date.
- Please ensure that acronyms are used in a clear way and do not cause confusion for the reader (Ref: page 26 s. 3.7.4, OR).
- Please ensure that action plan need is up-to-date.

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 providing this 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
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