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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for Stockport to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. Your report was considered by the QA Panel on 10 May 2013, so please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

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.

There were some issues that the Panel felt might benefit from more detail and/or analysis, and which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- **Executive Summary** – there should be an executive summary of the report.
- **Panel membership** – there did not appear to be any representation from a specialist domestic violence service. We ask that this is considered for any future reviews.
- **Family involvement** – the report mentions that one of the children was not invited to participate because of the trial, but it appears the DHR was suspended until after the trial – you might want to clarify this in the report.
[REDACTED]
- **Association between domestic violence and substance abuse** – although the alcohol abuse is mentioned in the report, it mainly focuses on this in relation to the criminal justice system. A recommendation concerning substance misuse and domestic violence would have been helpful for

example linking the findings on the victim and perpetrators alcohol abuse to possible profession interventions.

- [REDACTED].
- **Possible inconsistencies** – consider revisiting the analysis in the paragraphs below:
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
- **Recommendations** – there does not appear to have been any consideration of any recommendations for housing which you may wish to revisit.
- **Publication** – you may wish to remove [REDACTED] prior to publication as this could easily identify the case.

The QA Panel felt that the report was clearly written and well structured and the QA Panel does not need to see another version of the report. I would ask you to include this letter as an appendix to the report when it is published.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cooper, Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel
Head of the Violent Crime Unit