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Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Olivia) for Somerset Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 21st December 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt that the report opens with a moving tribute, presumably put together with information from Olivia's friends. This is particularly positive given that Olivia's family have not been involved/were against the review and it still contributes a sense of who Olivia was. The report is written with sensitivity, using appropriate language and it is good to see the report note the importance of a trauma informed approach (12.38), although this could have been extended to other services too.

Following a request from the CSP the Home Office is content that only the Action Plan be published.

Once the changes are 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.

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,

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel