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Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Lily) for Somerset Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in January 2023.

The QA Panel commented that it is positive that a Public Health Consultant was on the local DHR panel, as suicide prevention is a public health issue. It is useful to have death by suicide seen from a domestic abuse lens as this is often not considered in suicide prevention strategies.

The glossary is helpful and there is some good use of research. The report makes an effort to praise Lily's strength in navigating her complex needs, highlighting all the ways in which she sought support from agencies. It also specifically addresses barriers she may have faced as a result of protected characteristics.

The chronology is clear, and the terms of reference have been amended to make it clear why the timeframe of the report was chosen.

The Home Office noted that most of the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now be published.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a finalised digital copy of the report with attachments 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 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