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Dear Ms Jenkins,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Bournemouth ('Holly') to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 27 June. I am very sorry for the delay in providing the Panel's feedback.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this is a good report which articulates well the missed opportunities to support a vulnerable person with complex needs and which has resulted in a comprehensive sets of actions.

There were, however, some aspects of the report which the Panel felt may benefit from further analysis, or be revised, which you will wish to consider:

- The Panel felt it would be helpful if the connection between lessons learned, the recommendations and the action plan could be more clearly reconciled;
- The Panel noted IMRs were provided by housing and revenues and benefits however there is little narrative in the report in relation to these two organisations;
- The Panel felt further clarification may be appropriate about the independence of the chair given he retired as head of public protection from the police force covering the area in which the victim was murdered a year before the homicide;
- It would be helpful if the report could confirm whether the family were offered advocacy services to support their engagement in the review and also clarification around the family's input in to the review in terms of whether these were face to face meetings or conducted by other means;

- No explanation is provided on the basis for defining the time scope of the review as the final 12 months of the victim's life (section 2.3);
- The Panel questioned the legal basis of the practice suggested in 15.6;
- The Panel struggled with the concept of "stepping back" described in 13.2;
- The terms of reference appear in the executive summary and not the overview report;
- It would be helpful for confirmation that the Community Safety Partnership intends to publish both the overview report and executive summary;
- Check for consistency: numbered paragraphs become numbered sections later in the report;
- Please proof read the report for typing errors, correct numbering of paragraphs and ensure all acronyms are spelled out in full the first time they are used.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful if you could email us at DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to the PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel