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Dear Dr Goodwin,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Tamworth to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the Quality Assurance Panel meeting on 23 September 2015.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel considered this to be an honest review that demonstrates a good understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and which has identified useful lessons from which recommendations have flowed.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt may benefit from further consideration, or be revised, which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- The Panel wanted to clarify the position in relation to paragraph 1 which describes this review as examining "...the contact and involvement that agencies had with..." The Panel is clear that domestic homicide reviews can be about more than just contact with agencies. They should consider all contact with whomever with the aim of identifying possible intervention opportunities.
- The Panel felt section 5.1 was difficult to follow and may benefit from being clearer. Additionally, the Panel found the genogram on page 10 confusing particularly as it did not appear to correspond to section 5.1 which describes the number of children the victim was a father to.
- The Panel considered that interviewing friends may have given a different perspective to the review. We recognise that you cannot go back and do this part of the review again, but we ask that you consider this for future reviews;

- The Panel queried the relevance of including details about the victim's daughter (section 5.3) and the son's girlfriend (section 5.4). Are these individuals content for their details to be published?
- Similarly, the Panel questioned why an "unrelated medical condition" set out in section 6 appears in the report if it has no relevance;
- The Panel asked if the second paragraph on page 30 could be revised as it could be perceived as victim-blaming;
- Not all of the equality and diversity characteristics have been explored in the review;
- The review panel may have benefited from an expert from the voluntary sector regarding substance misuse.

The Panel does not need to see 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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