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Dear Mr Tony Goodwin,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Tamworth to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the Quality Assurance Panel meeting on 25 May 2016.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel found this to be an open and honest report that has done its best to work with the limited information available.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt could be revised, which you will wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- The Panel felt it would be beneficial to further explore the impact of gambling and the risks associated with it;
- The Panel were concerned about the amount of information disclosed about the victim's adult children. Can you clarify whether either person has been asked permission for their details to be accessed or included;

- Section 6 (3rd paragraph) could have explored further the issues around child to parent abuse and the role of the GP in relation to this;
- The Panel felt exploration of barriers to reporting or discussing abuse would have been useful;
- Please check recommendations are up to date with completion dates and outcomes;
- Please check anonymisation i.e. real names of the children used;
- The Panel felt the report could helpfully clarify on the perpetrators decision not to take part in the report and why it was made by someone else;
- Please clarify if there were forensic evidence connecting the perpetrator to the murder;
- The Executive Summary does not follow guidelines and needs to include more information. For example there is no summary of information from agencies to give a rationale for the recommendations;

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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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel