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Dear Sayma,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report ('Finn') for Portsmouth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 22nd November 2023. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel is grateful for your well written and well-structured report on what was clearly a difficult and challenging case. The QA Panel notes the full involvement of the victim's family, the range of organisations contributing, and the steps taken to bring the perpetrator into the review.

The QA Panel felt that there are some aspects of the report which may benefit from further revision, but the Home Office is content that on completion of these changes, the DHR may be published.

Areas for final development:

- 11.5 and 11.6 (and 16.12.1 C) - It may be helpful to say more about gender in this case by way of context and background, specifically about male victims not recognising and reporting abuse.
- 14.2.1 - There may be a more neutral phrase than 'as his behaviour became more chaotic', which risks sounding like the victim is to blame in part for their situation. Likewise, at 14.3.7 there may be a more neutral phrase than 'refused to engage', which risks sounding like the victim was to blame for the decision.
- In the equality and diversity section, it may be helpful to mention Laura's deafness as a disability.

- It may be helpful to say more about BDSM, 'rough sex', domestic abuse and domestic homicide in this case, including any relevant academic research on these issues.
- Likewise, there may be more to say about CCTV, technology-enabled abuse and digital stalking.
- The Action Plan is very helpful and comprehensive, but it may be helpful to expand this to cover other training resources, such as trauma-informed approach, homicide timeline, child sexual abuse, and engaging with perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Once 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.

The DHR report including the executive summary and action plan should be converted to a PDF document and be smaller than 20 MB in size; this final Home Office QA Panel feedback letter should be attached to the end of the report as an annex; and the DHR Action Plan should be added to the report as an annex. This should include all implementation updates and note that the action plan is a live document and subject to change as outcomes are delivered.

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,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel