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8 February 2023

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Edward) for the Sandwell Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt this is a well-structured review that explains the family complexities and history well. The family engagement provided some rich insights, and the review highlighted some system level failures that are helpfully explored.

The report is helpfully detailed with learning points and contains a clear action plan. It also contains clear and implementable recommendations.

However, the QA Panel also 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:**

- The report would benefit from being more concise, as some sentences are too long, repetitive. Better use of punctuation is also needed throughout.
- It would be helpful to know what further attempts been made to obtain Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS) information? it would have been useful information to include given the family history and potential learning point from/to CAFCASS if this information was accessible.

- Overarching actions for the safety partnership lack clear timelines and outcomes. They are all rated as “amber”. This is a concern, given the seriousness of the issues identified and the length of time that has passed. It would be helpful if the action plan could be clear about what difference the actions should make and set them out as measurable outcomes with timelines.
- Although the independence of the Chair/Author has been addressed this does not include the independence of panel members as required by the statutory guidance.
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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](mailto: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 at [DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto: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