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Dear Leanne,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Storm) for Manchester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 25th May 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel found the report to be well structured and easy to read. It is a long report, but the details do not feel unnecessary. There is a very valuable paragraph where the family comment that they felt they had been listened to in this process. This clearly evidences good practice.

There is detailed and considered analysis of a wide range of issues, especially regarding mental health support, housing issues and the impact of Covid-19. This is all backed up with academic references which add value to the findings.

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:

- It is unclear if Storm's family was invited to meet the panel or provided with specialist support and advocacy services.
- The Author has made an excellent link to a finding in Serious Case Reviews, Para 6.31. Unfortunately, the reference citation does not work in Google. Also, the links failed to work in references 6 and 7 of the "*References*." on page 87.

- The children's genders should be removed to improve anonymity.
- A real name is used in 4.33 along with Storm's real initials. This should be removed.
- Page 78, point 6.4 is repeated.
- Storm was referred to the National Centre for Domestic Violence twice by the Metropolitan Police but as stated this is not a recommended course of action in Islington and was not the correct agency for Storm to be referred to. There is no recommendation about this for the Metropolitan Police.
- The report needs a through proofread for typos and grammar issues

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.

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,

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel