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Dear Leanne,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report ('AJ') for Manchester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 10th January 2024. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel are grateful for sight of your full and sympathetic report into a complex and challenging case. This was well-written and clear about what could have been done better. There was broad and relevant representation on the panel which was reflected in the quality of the review. The recommendation on safe disposal of unwanted medicines was noted as good practice.

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:

- As a general point, documents of this length may need a general proof-read for punctuation and layout.
- The Preface may need clarifying as to the siblings not responding, as one sibling did contribute the pen picture at 2.1 to 2.16.
- Paragraph 5:35 states that no service referred the deceased to a domestic abuse support service. However, the report also notes at para 3.67 that the IDVA service had referred the deceased to a domestic abuse support service. It would be helpful to clarify this.

- At paragraph 7.7.2 there is an action for the police. Given the scope and detail, it may be helpful to make this a formal Recommendation.
- At paragraph 1.44, the experience of the Panel members is set out. It would be helpful to confirm that they were all 'independent' in the sense of not being personally involved in the case.
- The Executive Summary is quite long, and the contents page needs to be checked against the page numbers for the subject headings. There is one repeated sentence in 2.0.1 and 2.0.2.
- The Action Plan was well-drafted, with an emphasis on informing professionals of best practice. However, it may be helpful to look at ways of making reminders repeated or continuous rather than a one-off. It may also be helpful to include something on the need for professional curiosity, and the scope for agencies to refer AJ to adult social care.

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