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Dear Vickie,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report 'Emily' for Fenland Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 25th October 2023. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt that the report is very detailed, with a touching foreword and good family contributions. The tribute to 'Emily' at the start of the report is moving and paints a picture of her in happier times. The content relating to suicide is well-considered; page 10 cites local suicide rates in relation to the national average and gives context to DA suicide in the area by stating that "since May 2018, nine suicides relating to domestic abuse have been considered as requiring a DHR" – this may be an opportunity to draw out similar points of learning. The panel includes representation from a specialist domestic abuse organisation, suicide prevention and public health expertise, which was welcomed.

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:

- The date of death is stated. Only the month and year is required.
- Acronyms are used throughout the report and require explanations.
- The link to ONS data 2017 is not working on page 11, this could be more recent data relevant to 2022 the year Emily died.
- Page 30 noted version 2 of the DASH, it would be helpful to link what Cambridgeshire Police questions are for version 2.

- A trauma informed approach to Emily's adverse childhood experiences and the impact of emotional abuse from her parents, and physical abuse from her mother would have been valuable.
- The previous Home Office definition of domestic abuse is quoted, rather than the definition in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- There are still some typos, unfinished sentences, and grammatical errors.

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