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Dear Julie Smith

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Carol report for Sunderland Community Safeguarding Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office.

The Home Office noted that all the previous areas for development have been addressed and that the report has drawn out significant learning with accompanying recommendations. In particular, there is an excellent action plan with evidence of proactive local initiatives to implement the actions post review.

There are some aspects of the report that the Home Office feel need a final revision but do not warrant viewing by the QA Panel. The view of the Home Office is that on completion of these changes the DHR may be published.

Other areas of final development noted include:

- To highlight transparency, it would be helpful for the report to detail the independence of the DHR panel members.
- It would be useful to include the section titled Parallel Reviews as in most instances of a domestic homicide there has been a Coroner's Inquest.
- Recommendation one on raising awareness would profit from a less blanket approach. It could be broken into two separate categories (families, friends and wider public, and a separate one for employers) allowing for the development of interventions tailored to the specific audience.
- The report brings to light that the victim asked the perpetrator to leave. Due to this, exploring risk factors posed by separation and how this assessed using the DASH risk assessment would add value to the wider learning for the reader.
- The Executive Summary would benefit from a proof-read as it contains the gendered pseudonyms for the children and is missing the amendments made to the Overview Report.
- Paragraph 54 of the Overview Report references C1's gender. It is suggested to replace this with "*their* mobile phone".

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. This should include all finalised attachments and appendices and the weblink to the site where the report will be published.

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 Home Office felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. Due to this, the Home Office will copy this letter to your local PCC for information.

On behalf of the QA Panel, I would like to thank you, the report chair, author and other colleagues, for the considerable work that you have put into this review.

Yours sincerely

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Joint Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel