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Dear Ms Bishop,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Nottingham to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the Quality Assurance Panel meeting on 25 May 2016.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel found this to be a good review considering there was no knowledge of the relationship by agencies or family and friends. The review has evidenced some effort in searching for lessons from the past to try to make the future safer for others.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt could be revised:

- It would be beneficial for the report to include the age of the victim at the time of death;
- The action plan needs rewording to include milestones, target dates and outcomes;
- The Panel felt the lessons identified in the report could more clearly follow through to recommendations;
- The Panel felt it would be helpful for the family section from the main report to be included in the executive summary;
- Please clarify the independence of the chair more clearly in the report;
- The Panel felt it would be helpful to capture any efforts to challenge the non-disclosure of relevant health records;

- The Panel would welcome clarification in the report on whether the family were shown the report.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report.

I would also be grateful if you could email us at DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to the PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou
Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel