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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Bridget) for Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 26 February 2026. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please find the QA Board's feedback in the form below. On completion of the changes suggested the DHR may be published.

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 and the feedback form 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 Board letter and feedback form 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 Board, 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 Board

DHR QA Board Feedback for the Community Safety Partnership

TITLE OF DHR	Bridget
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Central Bedfordshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	26 th February 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences are provided to the family and friends of Bridget. • The pseudonyms used were agreed by Bridget's family in order to protect the identity of those referred to throughout the report. • The terms of reference are well developed. • The QA Board noted that it was positive that the Senior Investigating Officer for the murder investigation attended the first panel meeting.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
	Title Page	Page two of the executive summary refers to South Cambridgeshire CSP rather than Safer Central Bedfordshire CSP. Please amend this.
1	Contents Page	No amendments required.
2	Pen Portrait	There was no pen portrait of Bridget within the report. There is information about Bridget at 2.1.4 which the author could draw on to develop a pen portrait.
3	Condolences	No amendments required.

4	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.
5	Terms of Reference	Please state if Bridget's family was involved in developing the Terms of Reference.
6	Equality and Diversity	Please consider and include the evidence base on homicide in the context of adult family violence which better reflects this case, including the caring responsibility element.
7	Background Information	No amendments required.
8	Combined Chronology	It is not clear why the description of Raneem's law is included in the police IMR as it appears to have no bearing on the case. Please clarify this point.
9	Overview	No amendments required.
10	Analysis	Please could this section address the fact that Adult Social Care called Bridget following the concerns expressed by her family, including financial abuse. It is questionable whether this form of communication would lead to a disclosure, not least because Cody might have been present and because it is less likely to lead to the development of rapport and trust. An in-person visit may have enabled Adult Social Care to see Bridget's appearance and the state of the house which, according to Bridget's estranged husband and partner, indicated neglect.
11	Conclusions	No amendments required.
12	Lessons learnt and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please consider also implementing recommendation one as a local recommendation. • Reference to the practice of Adult Social Care (as outlined above) should be included under 4.2 and recommendation 7. • Whilst recommendation nine around training on economic abuse is valuable, further context should be included as the dynamics of intimate partner violence and adult family violence are different. Please amend accordingly.
13	Timescales	No amendments required.
14	Involvement of family / friends / community	Please state whether Brian and Olivia received the Home Office leaflet in addition to details shared about AAFDA.
16	DHR contributors	Please explain who Brian is at 1.1.8 as this does not become clear until 1.6.1.

17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	Please state whether Bridget's family has been consulted about key dates to avoid publication of the report and offered support.
21	Action Plan	The action plan requires updating with the progress that has been made against the actions. Please ensure this is amended
22	<p>Has there been a request to withhold publication?</p> <p><i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i></p>	No requests to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	There are a number of typos, spelling errors and punctuation issues throughout the report. Please conduct a thorough review to correct these ahead of publication.