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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Jane) for Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in January 2024.

The QA Panel noted there was positive engagement from family and friends in the DHR process, particularly from Jane's mum, Rosemary. Her beautiful tribute to Jane at the beginning is very moving. Condolences are offered to the family regarding the loss of Jane, which is good practice, as is the use of pseudonyms for her and the connected persons within the DHR, with Jane's pseudonym chosen by her mother. There is a strong sense of Jane as a person throughout the review.

There is good evidence of engagement with public health, including representation on the DHR panel. It might also have been helpful to have had a third sector representative. There is extensive detail of each agency's engagement and significant themes are identified: stalking, coercive and controlling behaviour, situational couple violence (SCV) and 'overshadowing', unconscious bias, and the impact of enduring mental ill health. This was positive to read however could have been probed in greater depth.

The QA Panel noted that most of the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now 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 is published alongside the report.

Please send the digital copy and weblink to [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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