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Dear Mr Hill,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for FL/2011 to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The review was considered at the QA Panel meeting in May.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final overview report. In terms of the assessment of reports the QA Panel judges them as either adequate or inadequate. It is clear that a lot of effort has gone into producing this report and I am pleased to tell you that it has been judged as adequate by the QA Panel.

There were some issues that the Panel felt might benefit from more detail and/or analysis, and which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- Further information on the independence of the Chair as there is a reference to her being Chair of a LSCB and the Panel wasn't clear which local authority area this was in
- Clarification as to how the family had been approached – the executive summary says the family were written to and the overview report says that contact was made through the police family liaison officer
- Clarification that the Action Plan was agreed at a senior level

There did not appear to be any voluntary sector representation on the Panel. The QA Panel asks that for any future reviews you consider voluntary and community sector representation, particularly those with expertise of domestic violence and abuse.

The QA Panel would like to commend you with proceeding with the review despite a formal finding of homicide not being made. The Panel also commented that the report was well written with a good layout and a clearly presented chronology.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but we would ask you to include our letter as an appendix to the report when it is published.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cooper, Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel
Head of the Violent Crime Unit