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Dear Ms Dwyer,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Haringey (Asen) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 24 January 2018.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this is a well written, comprehensive review in which the author's experience of domestic abuse is evident. The Panel particularly commended consideration of various scenarios and the thoughtful analysis around the concepts of bi-directional violence and situational couple violence with appropriate research referenced. The Panel also noted that, despite the considerable challenges in engaging the families, the report does well to explore a variety of barriers and difficulties in the couple's relationship. There is also good practice highlighted in the report.

The Panel made some observations which you will wish to consider before publication:

- The Panel acknowledged that producing a concise executive summary from a comprehensive overview report would be difficult. However, they felt that important discussion areas were absent from the executive summary and this gave a reader only a partial picture. For example, the summary chronology is missing key events such as the physical marks seen on both individuals; the arguments which resulted in the tenancy being terminated; and allegations that the victim was intending to return to his home country and then come back to the UK without the perpetrator. In addition, the useful toolkit for practitioners covered in the overview report is also missing from the executive summary;

- It may be helpful to a lay reader to explain what Form 124D discussed on page 61 is and what it contains;
- Please check the weblink given in footnote 7 as it does not appear to work.

The Panel's overall conclusion was that this is a high calibre report and suggested that it should be used as a model of best practice once published. I would be grateful, therefore, 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 Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel