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Dear Ms Robinson

Thank you for your positive feedback and constructive suggestions for improving the report prior to publication. As set out below, we have endeavoured to address these points but in a couple of instances where your meaning was unclear:

- You may wish to consider further exploration of the risk of economic abuse, in particular how the perpetrator's visa status meant he would have been entirely economic dependent on the victim (10.3.4).

This has not been addressed as the meaning was unclear; if anyone was at risk of financial abuse it was the perpetrator not the victim as she controlled all the money. It should be noted that although he was financially dependent, this was an arrangement entered into freely by them both prior to his arrival in the UK (otherwise she would have supported his application for a spousal visa) and some of the costs of this were offset by her no longer needing childcare for her son. As such, it is unclear what risk of economic abuse is being suggested.

- The Panel noted that the Equality & Diversity section is missing from the beginning of the report and should be included to ensure that this key information is highlighted from the beginning. It would be helpful to clarify which agency Jayden spoke to and to identify whether this agency had noticed a change in Jayden's behaviour since the arrival of the perpetrator to the household.

This has been addressed.

- The Panel queried whether more probing could be done into barriers to reporting, including more focus on potential cultural barriers e.g. cultural norms around domestic violence in Tanzania.

This has been addressed.

- To improve anonymity, please remove the age and gender of the children and the exact date of death.

This has been partially addressed; the gender of the child remains.

- The Panel would have liked more reassurance that the school was probed regarding Jayden, e.g. whether his school attendance had suffered.

This has been addressed.

- It would also be helpful to clarify if any efforts were made to speak to the victim's employer.

This has been addressed.

- The Panel recognised that the review had sought to identify recommendations but thought that there is scope for useful some recommendations to be included, for example you may wish to consider a recommendation around raising public awareness of coercive control and domestic abuse and where to go for help.

This has been addressed by including further information about on-going work under the local strategy which covers this point.

- The Panel suggested that for future reviews, inclusion of specialist organisations and core local services on the panel would further strengthen the review process.

It is unclear what this means. There were six agencies on the Panel of which two were specialist domestic abuse agencies providing core services. The local commissioner spent many years in the specialist domestic abuse sector as does the Chair / report author.

As requested, I attach digital copies of all the documents. These will be published at this link: www.haringey.gov.uk/dhr

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