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Dear Cllr Hill,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Kent to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 24 February 2016.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this was a good report that was clear and easy to follow.

There were, however, some aspects of the report which the Panel felt could be revised, or benefit from further analysis, which you may wish to consider:

- The Panel would welcome confirmation on whether this was a joint DHR/Mental Health Homicide Investigation. Given the review identified no history of domestic abuse, the Panel felt the mental health elements could be more strongly drawn out;
- Please review paragraph 6.4 on housing needs to ensure it is factually correct;
- The Panel felt paragraph 6.10 could reflect the fact that orders can be put in place to compel an individual to take their medication, and that the review could potentially identify any learning that emerges from this;
- Please ensure the full report and the executive summary is aligned. For example, the executive summary is missing key information about the chair and the panel;
- The action plan requires updating;

- The Panel felt it may be helpful to include recommendations relating to housing and awareness raising of mental health.

If it would be helpful, I would be happy to discuss the Panel's feedback in more detail over the telephone. Please call Birol Mehmet on 0207 035 1565 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou
Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel