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Dear Councillor Hill,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Kent (Rosemary/2017) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 12 December 2018.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded that, whilst this is a good, probing review, there were a number of key aspects of the report which the Panel felt may benefit from additional comment, further analysis or be revised, which you will wish to consider:

- Given social media was a key element of this case, the Panel felt the review misses an opportunity to look at domestic abuse through a social media lens and identify appropriate recommendations to address the findings, particularly around how the police respond to social media reports;
- You may wish to review some the language used in the report, for example the term “disgruntled party” in paragraph 13.9;
- Equality and diversity issues are not considered as part of the review;
- The Panel felt the finding in paragraph 13.2 could have translated into a recommendation around educating the public on coercive and controlling behaviour;
- You will wish to review for accuracy the comments in paragraph 11.2.14 as the cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse would bring within its scope a previous partner;

- The review confirms that the chair had no access to the victim's friends, but there is no information to explain why this was the case;
- It would be helpful if the report could confirm whether the family were offered specialist advocacy services to assist in their engagement in the review;
- Please proof read for typing errors. For example, the victim is incorrectly referred to as "Sally" in paragraph 4.3.

The Panel would be grateful if you could provide a revised version of the report with the changes suggested by 1 April 2019. Please clearly indicate where changes have been made in the revised report, and make it clear in the subject line of your email when resubmitting that the documents contained are revised versions for reconsideration. Please let me know if this will prove difficult.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Buckley
Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel