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Dear Cllr Hill,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Sylvie) for Kent Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office. The report was reassessed in November 2021

The QA Panel felt the DHR utilises a good range of family members and friends' contributions, including the engagement of the victim's sister and the perpetrator and commend that the family were given time to assess the draft report and offer feedback. The review Chair is independent and has experience of chairing safeguarding boards. The panel members were also of the appropriate level of expertise and were independent of the case, all of which is commended. The Panel also highlight the fact that the review makes reference to coercive control and attempts to explore this further through the victim's friend and the references made to domestic abuse (DA) being a gendered crime.

The Home Office noted that the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now be published.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a finalised digital copy of the report with attachments and the weblink to the site where the report will be published. Please ensure this letter is published alongside the report.

Please send the digital copy and weblink to DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk. This is for our own records for future analysis to go towards highlighting best practice and to inform public policy.

On behalf of the QA Panel, I would like to thank you, the report chair and author, and other colleagues for the considerable work that you have put into this review.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel