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Dear Mr Solarin,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Lewisham to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 25 July 2017. I very much apologise for the delay in providing the Panel's feedback.

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 review which identifies useful recommendations. The Panel noted the good family engagement in the review and particularly commended the sensitive framing of their views throughout the report.

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

- It would be helpful if the report could record why there was no independent mental health investigation undertaken;
- There is no information in the report on why the perpetrator was permitted unsupervised leave under the Mental Health Act;
- No cause of death is given in the report and there is no mention of an inquest;
- The action plan needs updating as all the target dates for completion are June 2017;

- The report needs a full proof-read for typing errors;
- You may wish to consider whether both the overview report and executive summary could be made more concise and focused.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful 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