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Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report from Lewisham (the case known as WX) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The review was considered at the QA Panel meeting in September.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. In terms of the assessment of DHR reports the QA Panel judges them as either adequate or inadequate. It is clear that a lot of effort has gone into producing this report, and I am pleased to tell you that it has been judged as adequate by the QA Panel.

The QA Panel would like to commend Lewisham for conducting an interview with the perpetrator in this case, which helped to build a rich picture of the perpetrator's actions, particularly in respect of his resistance to taking his medication - whilst retaining a victim-focussed approach throughout. It also reinforced the findings of the review regarding how agencies shared information and the need for improvements to be made in information sharing.

There were some issues that the Panel felt might benefit from more detail and/or analysis, and which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- Provide the dates of the referral from the Probation Trust to Hestia Housing services in the report at paragraph 128;
- Consider including more recommendations for Probation services around assessment and risk to family members;
- Populate the Action Plan where target dates and intended outcomes are missing; and,
- Attempt to further anonymise the report including the interview of the perpetrator accompanying it, as all identifiable references, should be removed

from all the documents intended for publication, in order to protect identities and comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, in accordance with paragraph 9.2 of the Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

The QA Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but I would ask you to include this letter as an appendix to the report when it is published.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cooper, Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel
Head of the Violent Crime Unit