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Dear Sir,

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

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 considered the report was well written and concise with a good Action Plan. The Panel noted the steps taken by the Chair to engage with the family, and considered that ahead of publication there may be some merit in attempting to work through a voluntary sector organisation to engage with the family again. This could assist in ensuring the report fully captures the experiences from a victim's perspective.

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

- Attempt to engage with the family again via the Chair of the DHR panel or consider inviting a charity or voluntary sector organisation to attempt contacting them again;
- Provide further information to illustrate who the victim was as a person, and to capture the experiences from this victim's perspective.

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,

Christian Papaleontiou, Acting Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel
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