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Dear Ms Williams,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Swindon to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. The report was considered at the Quality Assurance (QA) Panel meeting on 27 January 2016.

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 thorough review to which a significant number of agencies had contributed and commended your efforts in engaging members of the victim's family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. The result is a clear, well-written report with a sensitive tribute.

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

- In keeping with the purpose of DHRs, the Panel questioned whether paragraph 4.3 of the overview report and paragraph 5.6.10 in the executive summary should be removed;
- The Panel concluded that it may have been helpful to further explore the victim's lack of engagement with local domestic violence services after being made aware of their existence, and to consider how these local services could be made more accessible to someone in the victim's situation;
- The Panel were unclear on the status of the additional paper setting out questions raised by the family and the responses from the chair. The Panel queried whether the intention is to publish this paper and, if so, whether the family is content with this approach.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. The Panel noted that both the overview report and executive summary will be fully redacted prior to publication and was grateful for the available detail in the reports.

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 PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel