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Dear Ms Williams,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Wiltshire (Angeline) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 13 December 2017.

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 reflective report which demonstrated independence and challenge. The Panel noted that family and friends had provided extensive information to the review which gave the victim and also the perpetrator real voices in the report. The victim's perspective was particularly well presented. The Panel also liked the fact that the report confirmed that the victim's family and the perpetrator's sister had read the report, were supportive of the findings and were keen to assist with raising awareness. The Panel felt this absolutely highlighted the impact and benefits of DHRs. In addition, the report identifies many examples of good practice and the Panel felt the chair should be commended for the innovative recommendations.

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

- You may wish to review section 17 to ensure the narrative could not be interpreted as promoting the myth that alcohol abuse causes domestic abuse;
- Please ensure that the quotes from the sister are clearly referenced as such;

- The Panel felt the action plan could be enhanced by adding a recommendation to raise awareness of domestic abuse amongst employers by, for example, sharing details of the Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse with local employers;
- Similarly, you may wish to consider including an action on raising awareness of domestic abuse amongst third parties, such as friends, neighbours and colleagues;
- You may wish to remove the ages of the children to enhance anonymity.

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 PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel