

**Response to the letter from the Acting Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel dated 26 January 2018 to Lin Williams re DHR relating to Angeline**

The Swindon Community Safety Partnership thanks the Acting Chair for the positive comments relating to the DHR.

The DHR Chair has on behalf of the DHR Panel responded to the further points raised in the letter as follows:

- 1. 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;**

This has been emphasised in para 17.2.6. of the Overview Report and in para 7.2.6 of the Executive Summary.

- 2. Please ensure that the quotes from the sister are clearly referenced as such;**

This has been addressed in paras 17.2.4. and 18.4.5. of the Overview Report and in paras 7.2.4. and 8.4.5. of the Executive Summary.

- 3. 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;**

This had not been included within the recommendations, as the Review Panel had been satisfied with the detailed policies of Angeline's employer and the support offered to them by Swindon Women's Aid during their annual policy reviews. Nevertheless in light of the comments of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel, Employer awareness has now been specifically included within the Domestic Abuse Awareness Campaign action plan within the Reports.

- 4. Similarly, you may wish to consider including an action on raising awareness of domestic abuse amongst third parties, such as friends, neighbours and colleagues;**

The Swindon Domestic Abuse Awareness Campaign detailed in the first recommendation of this DHR is about raising such third party awareness. The wording of the action plan has been amended to ensure this is clear. This recommendation also builds on an ongoing action from previous Swindon DHR.

**5. You may wish to remove the ages of the children to enhance anonymity.**

This has been redacted in para 4.3.1.