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Dear Jenny,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Helena) for Cardiff Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office. The report was reassessed in April 2022.

The QA Panel felt that the review appears open, honest and transparent. There is a clear effort not to be victim blaming and the report is sensitively written with quotes from the family to describe the victim. The family tribute is extremely welcome and paints a vivid picture of who she was as a person, her hopes, dreams, and passions.

There were examples of good practice within the review including the panel clearly identifying the offender as a perpetrator of coercive control. The Senior Investigating Officer's statement at the end of the trial is helpful in offering a brief and concise summary of the case before the DHR timescales begin. The QA Panel commended that the review sought advice and guidance from a High Priestess to understand more about Helena and Tim's faith.

The panel's recommendations are wholly endorsed including the good practice of highlighting professional knowledge and understanding for victims with vulnerabilities and disabilities and more robust domestic abuse education and training amongst the police, hospital, social services, and the general public.

The Home Office noted that the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now be published.

There are some areas of development listed below which the QA Panel would like you to address.

- The date of death still appears at 1.7.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a finalised digital copy of the report with attachments and the weblink to the site where the report will be published. Please ensure this letter is published alongside the report.

Please send the digital copy and weblink to [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk). This is for our own records for future analysis to go towards highlighting best practice and to inform public policy.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner  
[DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto:DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk).

On behalf of the QA Panel, I would like to thank you, the report chair and author, and other colleagues for the considerable work that you have put into this review.

Yours sincerely,

**Lynne Abrams**

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel