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Dear Jenny,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Andrew) for Cardiff Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 22nd February 2023. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt that the report was clearly written, easy to read and sensitive. There are condolences offered to the family who were given several opportunities to engage. The representation from Vietnamese Family Partnership on the panel is helpful and lends useful insight. There is good coverage of reasons for non-disclosure of abuse in the report with no victim or family blaming. There is also a good use of police witness statements with the report identifying that people in the community knew about the abuse but appeared to not know what to do about it.

The QA panel commended how the information from the statements in relation to the murder investigation were integrated chronologically in the agency contact. This made things much clearer than they would have been if that information was separated at the end and it was made clear where that information had come from.

Most of the issues raised in the previous feedback letter following the first submission have now been addressed. The QA Panel felt that there are some aspects of the report which may benefit from further revision, but the Home Office is content that on completion of these changes, the DHR may be published.

Areas for final development:

- Gendered pronouns remain in place. These need to be removed to ensure anonymity throughout the report.
- A reference is needed at 14.1.7 and 14.4.6.

- The QA panel previously highlighted that *there is a need to look at how children and young people from minoritised communities are informed about where they can seek support, particularly if they are no longer in the school system. There should be a specific recommendation relating to that.* The CSP have decided to make a wider recommendation that is not specific as requested. In doing so the CSP have missed the opportunity to address a challenge that children and young people from minoritised communities may face.
- 16.2 now reads 'The panel were informed by a cultural expert that Maggie's victimisation was due to the Vietnamese culture'. Maggie was a victim due to Andrew's choice to abuse her. The QA panel feel that there is a more appropriate way of saying her culture may have contributed to barriers.

Once completed the Home Office would be grateful if you could provide us with a digital copy of the revised final version of the report with all finalised attachments and appendices 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. 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 at 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