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Dear Kathryn,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Siobhan) for South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in December 2024.

The QA Panel noted that the report effectively recognised the barriers that Siobhan faced in her life. Additionally, useful research is cited, for example, the discussion of literacy as an impairment and how this has the potential to be overlooked as it is not recognised as a disability. The involvement of a community nurse in the absence of engagement from Siobhan's family was also commended as good practice.

The QA Panel noted that most of the issues raised in the previous feedback letter have now been addressed.

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

The QA Panel would like the CSP to note the following.

- Appendix Three of the HO DHR Statutory guidance (page 37) states "*(to enhance anonymity, the children's genders should not be given)*." If the CSP feels the sex of the children is materially relevant to the review, it would be helpful for the CSP to present their reasons for this deviation from the statutory guidance.
- The CSP has not made any material improvements to the discussion around the links between domestic abuse and suicide. This is a real missed opportunity in the review.
- The CSP have also not addressed the feedback in relation to the lack of recommendations in relation to suicide prevention in the Traveller community.

- The 'deceased male' feedback was in response to this bullet point in the ToR on page 50: "*Were procedures sensitive to the ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious identity of **the deceased and his wife**? Was consideration for vulnerability and age necessary? Were any of the other protected characteristics relevant in this case?*"

It feels odd that there would be a specific term round E & D relating to Siobhan's deceased husband (who died by suicide prior to the victim's death) any terms relating to E & D should relate to the victim. It would be helpful to have this clarified as this is somewhat confusing.

- Outcomes should be added to the action plan so it is clear what has been achieved.

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](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.

The DHR report including the executive summary and action plan should be converted to a PDF document and be smaller than 20 MB in size; this final Home Office QA Panel feedback letter should be attached to the end of the report as an annex; and the DHR Action Plan should be added to the report as an annex. This should include all implementation updates and note that the action plan is a live document and subject to change as outcomes are delivered.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner at [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,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel