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Dear Julia,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for (June & Peter) for Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 19th February 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel found this to be a proportionate report given that there was limited contact with agencies. The family tributes made to June and Peter are heartfelt and good practice is identified in relation to the trauma informed approach taken by the GP surgery. The local specialist domestic abuse service support on the panel was also noted as good practice.

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;

- The equality and diversity section should include further analysis in relation to age and the barriers of older people's experience of disclosure of domestic abuse.
- It would be helpful to add a footnote to confirm that the names used are pseudonyms when they first appear in the foreword on page 4.
- The chair/author's independence statement would be strengthened by including the year of his retirement from Thames Valley Police.

- The review would benefit from being updated with the results of the Coroner's Inquest when this is known.
- The Panel noted that it might have been appropriate to have someone from Age UK or mental health specialism on the panel; the CSP should consider this for any future reviews undertaken.
- At section 14.7, the date of death could be identifiable as previously there is mention that the death took place a week from the time the family called the helpline service. This should be reviewed to ensure anonymity.
- The Panel noted that the recommendations should be made more specific and clarify what should be achieved as a result of implementation.
- Key milestones or outcomes should be inserted in the action plan.
- The summary chronology appears to inaccurate state at 6.9 that as a result of call with Peter the CPN raised the RAG status of the case to Amber. This should be after paragraph 6.5 as it was after June's call that the RAG rating was raised according to the overview report.
- The footnotes and references used throughout the report require checking prior to publication as there are a number of formatting issues.
- The report requires a thorough proofread.

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.

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

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

