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19 October 2023

Dear Alison,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Gerald) for West Cumbria Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in October 2023.

The QA Panel concluded that the report is sensitive and shows a good understanding of the case. The contributions from Gerald's partner and his friend are helpful and help to humanise Gerald in a review that could otherwise be quite focused on the perpetrators' mental health.

The report identified some key findings which were brought into the recommendations and action plan particularly around managing disclosures of thoughts of harming others. It also explored identifying safeguarding risks to children or vulnerable adults.

The Panel found the use of academic references to underpin discussion of fratricide helpful and access to Humankind helped the Chair and panel understand the implications of New Psychoactive Substances.

The Home Office noted that most of 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Abrams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel