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30th September 2025

Dear xxx REDACTED xxx

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Celia) for Cumberland Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 23rd July 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel commented that the report was sensitive and gave a good sense of who Celia was as a person throughout, with helpful contributions provided from two work colleagues. These insights helped humanise the review and provide a fuller picture of her life. It was good practice that the Trust Celia worked for did not undertake the IMR, which was undertaken by a neighbouring healthcare Trust.

It was positive to see the Multi-Agency Learning Tool developed to address the intersection of domestic abuse, MARAC processes, suicide, and alcohol misuse. Sharing Celia's story in training is encouraged to bring real-life context and impact.

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 panel did not include representation from Public Health in relation to suicide prevention and mental health. It is recommended that this expertise is included in future reviews.
- The exact date of death is disclosed in both the executive summary and overview report. This compromises anonymity and should be removed. The dates leading up to her death should also be amended.
- The report does not include a message of condolence to Celia's family, which the QA Panel recommends adding.
- The initials at 14.26 should be reviewed to confirm whether this relates to the victim's real name. If this is the case, the reference should be amended.
- At 14.30, clarification is needed on whether Celia was consulted regarding the pathway referral or caution. Please clarify this.
- The action plan is currently incomplete and should be finalised before publication.

- The report requires a proofread ahead of publication.

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