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Dear Mr Gough,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Shropshire to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 23 May 2017.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this was a good, thorough report which has been enhanced by the contribution of the family. The use of pseudonyms helped humanise the review, however it was not clear why some individuals in the review were simply identified by initials.

There were also some other aspects of the report which the Panel felt could benefit from further analysis or be revised which you will wish to consider:

- The report may benefit from being made more concise;
- Further exploration of equality and diversity in the report beyond that described in section 12.3 may be helpful.
- The Panel felt that a specialist on alcohol misuse on the review panel could have helped explore how alcohol could be used by victims of domestic abuse as a coping strategy;
- Similarly, the discussion in paragraph 22.174 which considers the victim's ability to recognise the threat and make reasonable judgments, may on the face of it appear

irrational but does not take into account that the choices she made may have worked for her;

- You may wish to consider whether the issue identified in paragraph 22.103 should translate into a recommendation to address the findings;
- It would be helpful if the report included information on the engagement and impact of the perpetrator programme on the perpetrator;
- The report mentions that a Probation Serious Further Offence Review was undertaken but there is no further reference to this report;
- The term “Lady” in 17.2.2 was not considered appropriate;
- You may wish to review recommendations 26 and 27 to ensure they are SMART;
- The Panel noted that the chair was a senior detective with West Mercia Police where he managed the major crime review team. The Panel would welcome further clarification in the report on the independence of the chair to reassure readers that there is no conflict of interest.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful if you could email us at DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to your PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel