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Dear Ms Wilson-White,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Dorset (D5) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 22 November 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 review to which the family's contribution added real weight.

The Panel made the following observations which you will wish to consider:

- The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme is identified in the report but there are no recommendations about how it might be used more effectively;
- The Panel noted that the victim's daughter's age does not appear until quite late in the report; they also noted that the perpetrator's age is not given but the fact that he had a relationship with a 21-year old female is mentioned a number of times;
- You may wish to review whether there should be learning from the fact that professionals graded the perpetrator as low risk based on his undertaking that he would not follow through on threats to harm himself or his unidentified girlfriend;
- Please confirm in the report whether a mental health review was considered;
- The Panel felt a mental health specialist on the review panel may have been beneficial;

- You may wish to consider including the single agency recommendations in the action plan.
- Please check for typos and there appear to be the perpetrator's and victim's real initials in paragraph 4.38 and the penultimate bullet point on page 45 of the overview report respectively.

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](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel