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Dear Lindsey,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Ali) for North Tyneside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 16 October 2024. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt that this was a thorough and thoughtful review. There was positive engagement with Ali's family, who contributed to DHR process, and there was a good sense of who Ali was and the adversities she experienced throughout her life.

The QA Panel noted the genuine empathy shown for the victim and her family and friends throughout, as well as the clear recommendations and explorations of what has already been put in place such as GP surgery changes to thresholds in relation to suicidal ideation.

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.

The QA Panel have also advised that the CSP should complete its own risk assessment when considering whether to publish this report, which should take into account the impact of publication on the children involved.

Areas for final development:

- Confidentiality is compromised because the report states the exact date of death and two other dates related to this in paragraph 13.2. This is repeated later in the report - paragraphs 14.106 to 14.115, 15.8, 15.29 and 15.65. These references should be amended.
- The month and year of death is missing from the front page.

- The pseudonym for the victim is frequently shortened to “A”, rather than “Al”. Please be consistent throughout.
 - The chair is a trustee of a charity which needs to be stated to ensure full transparency and assurance on independence.
 - The name CAADA was changed several years ago to SafeLives but is used more than once in the report.
 - There was no public health/suicide prevention representative on panel to provide expertise on the intersectional links between self-harm, suicidality, and domestic abuse. The CSP may wish to consider this for any future reviews undertaken.
 - Many acronyms are not explained or explained after multiple use. Please ensure these are clarified.
 - The following statement may cause risk to the children and should be redacted, reworded or removed if the review is published:
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- The dissemination section needs to include the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner.
 - The Executive Summary states that the inquest has not concluded (Para 1.4, Executive Summary) but the Overview Report states that it has (Para 10.1, Overview Report). Please clarify which is correct.

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

