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Dear Deborah,

Thank you for resubmitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Andrea) for Bexley Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office. The report was reassessed in December 2021.

The QA Panel felt the DHR was well written, detailed and sympathetic, with the victims feeling central to the review aided by the touching tribute from family and friends. The involvement of Andrea's family and friends, supported by Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA), allowed a picture to be painted of Andrea as a person and her family and friends were also involved in choosing the pseudonyms used throughout the review. The report also demonstrates an understanding of coercive control. The Panel commended the Chair for speaking to a specialist nurse with expertise in Andrea's condition, and a researcher with relevant specialism around domestic abuse and mental health.

The Home Office noted that 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.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a finalised digital copy of the report with attachments 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.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner
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,

Lynne Abrams

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel