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Dear Nichola,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Anna) for Bridgend Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered in April 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

It was noted that this is a very good report which includes some forensic analysis and incisive findings and conclusions. It demonstrates an enhanced understanding of domestic abuse. The reader gets to know about the victim and her life, and the report is written very sensitively. There are multiple local, regional and national recommendations which is positive. The lessons learned are clear and the Panel have identified a great deal of important learning.

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 Chronology currently runs to 35 pages and contains too much detail, including information about the behaviour of one of the victim's children. This may not be appropriate for public domain and the CSP should therefore consider whether some of this information could be removed.
- There are some potential anonymity issues, which should be amended prior to the report being published:
 - The sex of two children is revealed and the older child's sex is revealed frequently in the report.
 - Please further anonymise the victim's employer on page 12.
 - A name appears eight times in the report. This may be the real name of the victim's child and should be checked and amended.

- Initials appear in the report (Chronology 21/05/22) which may be the real initials of the victim.
- The chronology on Page 64 narrows down date of death.
- The Executive Summary is missing a summary chronology and key learning, which should be added.

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

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 Team