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Dear Emma,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Laura) for West Sussex Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in February 2023.

The QA Panel would like to commend the CSP for commissioning this DHR into two domestic homicides. It is good practice that the review has included the death of Rachel, the perpetrator's former partner within this review, despite it occurring before DHRs were introduced. This helps to bring together a fuller picture of David's pattern of abuse. Despite the length of time since Laura and Rachel's deaths, the review has made a good effort to understand their experiences.

The engagement with the victims' family members throughout was commended. The reference to a good range of research relating to domestic abuse, including analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Case Reviews/ Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.

The Home Office noted that most of 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