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Dear Ms Garside,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for Tewkesbury to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The review was considered at the April Panel meeting.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final overview report. In terms of the assessment of reports, the QA Panel judges them as either adequate or inadequate. It is clear that a lot of effort has gone into producing this report and I am pleased to tell you that it has been judged as adequate by the QA Panel.

The QA Panel would like to commend you on a well considered report which represented the victim well. The Panel agreed that the inclusion of a tribute from the victim's family demonstrated sensitivity in the compilation of this report.

The Panel felt that the report might benefit from consideration of the following points prior to publication:

- Clarification of whether the family has seen the full report in accordance with the multi-agency guidance.
- Consider re-drafting the statement '*The relationship was at times volatile...*'. While the report states this was due to the perpetrator's behaviour, the phraseology of the relationship being 'volatile' per se may suggest that there was aggression from both parties (Ref: Pg. 7, para. 3.3.1 OR).
- You may wish to reconsider the inclusion of the sentence '*After this overview report has been through the Home Office quality assurance process, a decision on whether to publish it will be made by the Tewkesbury Borough Community Safety Partnership.*' As a matter of procedure, when the QA Panel approves a report, they approve it for publication, subject to any

representations a CSP may make regarding publication (we are not aware of any such representations in this case to date) (Ref: Pg. 11, para. 6.4, OR).

- Consider the comments in the report around the difficulties in identifying who would be most at risk from the perpetrator (the victim, or other previous partners) and draw out the fact that this demonstrates the importance of effective risk assessment to identify the likelihood of harm for all those at risk from the perpetrator.
- You may wish to review the level of detail in the chronology.

*Technical issues:*

- Ensure that anonymisation is consistent and replace 'Rose' with 'Rosie' (Pg. 5, para. 1.5 OR).
- Please ensure that the sections on panel membership and the Chair are included in the Executive Summary.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but we would ask you to include our letter when you publish the report.

I would like to thank you once again for providing this report for consideration by the Home Office Domestic Homicide Review Quality Assurance Panel.

Yours sincerely,

Christian Papaleontiou, Chair of the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel  
Head of the Interpersonal Violence Team, Public Protection Team