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Dear Mark,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Grace) for Leicester Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office. Due to the COVID-19 situation the Quality Assurance (QA) Panel was unable to meet as scheduled on 21st October, therefore the report was assessed by a virtual panel process. For the virtual Panel, Panel members provided their comments by email, the Home Office secretariat summarised the feedback and the Panel agree the feedback.

The QA Panel commented that this was a good report given the limited information. It was respectful, sensitive and probing, offering some interesting analysis of potential barriers for Grace. Evidence of good practice was seen throughout the report and the report will offer an opportunity to support future learning. The Panel consider your DHR to be of the highest standard.

The composition of the panel was commended, particularly that the panel met the unique circumstances of this DHR. It was positive to see the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust sat on the panel voluntarily to give their expertise on mental health issues, as this suggests that they recognise the value of the DHR process in learning.

The exploration of wider issues relating to the publication of DHRs and media coverage was welcome. It was positive to see the inclusion of the Level Up guidance referenced. The related recommendations were considered apt and there was also good use of research more generally.

Following the completed changes that the QA Panel suggested, the Home Office is content that the DHR may be published.

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.

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