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Dear Mr Butler,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) overview report for Cheshire West and Chester to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The review was considered at the October 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, in particular thought the report was strong on exploring the barriers to reporting in older generations.

There were some issues that the Panel felt might benefit from more detail and/ or consideration which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- The report states that the ambulance and A&E services did all they could. You may wish to draw out the evidence base to provide some clarification around this assertion;
- Draw out why housing references have been mentioned. Clarify the links or context to those references;
- Provide further information drawing out support services for those experiencing dementia. The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to provide more analysis on how it may be more clearly delineated;
- Add the national Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline number to the list of national numbers at paragraph 4.4.11;

- Update the progress of the actions in the Action Plan; and,
- The QA Panel noted that the name was still included in the report (paragraph 3.20) and reminds you to fully anonymise the report to comply with paragraph 73 (b) of the Statutory Guidance prior to publication.

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 submitting your 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, Safeguarding & Vulnerable People Unit