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Dear Mark

Re: Domestic Homicide Review, Adult A

As you know, the Home Office Quality Assurance panel set out some issues in their letter dated 6 November 2014 that they felt might benefit from more detail and consideration:

1. 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.  
*This was based on an Individual Management Review completed by South and Eastern Cheshire CCG.*
2. Draw out why housing references have been mentioned. Clarify the links or context to those references.  
*The references are in the full Overview report submitted to the Home Office, and relate to the report author looking for evidence that the Council and partners have invested in training staff in all agencies who might plausibly receive a disclosure or referral in relation to domestic abuse are appropriately trained. This was not directly relevant in this case as Adult A and B lived in their own home and did not seek support from the Council or other social housing or tenancy support services, and so is not included in the published Executive Summary*



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3. 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.

*The Council's Gateway team is the access point for individuals and professionals seeking assistance in relation to any adult with care and support needs. Gateway can be accessed via 0300 123 7034*

*Other resources in Cheshire include the Alzheimers Disease Society:*

*[http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/custom\\_scripts/branch.php?branch=true  
&branchCode=12628](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/custom_scripts/branch.php?branch=true&branchCode=12628)*

*And Age UK:*

*<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshire/our-services/>*

*It is worth noting that a diagnosis of dementia for Adult B was made during his trial, and was not part of any diagnosis before the events of the 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

4. Add the national Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline number to the list of national numbers at paragraph 4.4.11.

*The number (0808 2000 247) has been added to the report and is publicised via the Cheshire West and Chester Domestic Abuse Partnership website and related materials.*

5. Update the progress of the actions in the Action Plan

*The Action Plan has been published separately and is reviewed at Community Safety Partnership meetings*

6. 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.

*This has been addressed*

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