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Dear Ms Galvin,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 24 January 2017.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded this was a good report with thorough analysis and relevant lessons drawn out. The Panel appreciated this was a complex case but felt that the report (both the overview report and executive summary) was too long and may benefit from being made more concise by editing out items in the chronology that may not be relevant to the review, or placing these in an annex.

There were also some other aspects of the report which the Panel felt could benefit from further analysis or be revised which you will wish to consider:

- The Panel suggested it may be helpful to draw out the dynamic of violent resistance which was alluded to in the report;
- It would be helpful if the report clarified whether the child abuse allegations were followed up;
- You may wish to review the language used in terms of how the services met the victim's need, for example the narrative at the top of page 18;

- Please reconsider the terminology used in places, e.g. the perpetrators have been convicted and it is, therefore, incorrect to use the term “alleged”;
- Similarly, please check the last sentence in section 5.3 for accuracy which the Panel suggested was incorrect ;
- Individuals are mentioned in section 2.3 and it is not clear who they are and whether pseudonyms are being used;
- It would be helpful if acronyms and technical terms (such as DOM5) were explained when they first appeared in the report;
- The executive summary mentions full terms of reference at appendix 1 however there was no appendix 1 submitted with either report;
- You may wish to review the anonymisation in the report as there are a number of identifiable dates and addresses.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include our letter as an appendix to the report. I would be grateful if you could email us at [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

The QA Panel felt it would be helpful to routinely sight Police and Crime Commissioners on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to your PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel