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Dear Ms Taylor,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Lambeth (DHR3 – ‘Sofia’) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 23 January 2019.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded that this is a clear, well written, sympathetic report which identifies important learning supported by relevant research. The Panel noted the important engagement of the victim’s family and friends in the review and the pen portrait of the victim by her sister at the beginning of the report helps to understand her as a person. The Panel commended the breadth and expertise of the review panel and also highlighted as good practice the review of previous DHRs to identify any issues relevant to this DHR.

The Panel made the following observations which you will wish to consider:

- The Panel felt it may be helpful to make it clear that the second point in paragraph 4.2.10 is also the perpetrator’s views;
- Whilst the report confirms that the review panel was mindful of the information being shared about the children and that this has been presented as a standalone synopsis, the Panel queried whether the level of detail was necessary and relevant, especially in relation to behavioural issues that are disclosed.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could email us at [DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.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 the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime for information.

Yours sincerely

**Helen Cordy**

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel