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Dear Rose Parker ,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Elaine) for Lambeth CSP to the Home Office. Due to the Covid 19 situation the Quality Assurance (QA) Panel was unable to meet as scheduled on 19th August 2020 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 felt this is a good report which effectively probes and challenges agency involvement. This demonstrates appropriate and independent scrutiny of agency involvement to gather learning. This report is a strong example of the level of analysis, learning and recommendations that can come out of a DHR despite there being no agency involvement around the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim.

The QA Panel felt that there are some aspects of the report which may benefit from further revision but the Home Office is content that, on completion of these changes, the DHR may be published.

Areas of final development include:

- The Panel felt some more information about why Black Thrive weren't a full member of the panel but a 'critical friend' (1.8.3) would be helpful.
- The action plan needs updating. The action plan has appropriate actions, but quite limited updates on the progress of the actions and no RAG rating.

- Although the report mentions research on disproportionate use against black people of stop and search, the Panel think the report would benefit from going farther to explore how this discrimination has translated into barriers to accessing support from the police. It would also be helpful to create a recommendation specifically around how the police need to work on building better relationships with black communities, including in the context of domestic violence.

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 along 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

Linda Robinson

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel