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Dear Rose,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Rokel) for Lambeth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 3rd December 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please find the QA Board's feedback in the form below. On completion of the changes suggested the DHR may be published.

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 and the feedback form is published alongside 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.

The DHR report including the executive summary and action plan should be converted to a PDF document and be smaller than 20 MB in size; this final Home Office QA Board letter and feedback form should be attached to the end of the report as an annex; and the DHR Action Plan should be added to the report as an annex. This should include all implementation updates and note that the action plan is a live document and subject to change as outcomes are delivered.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner at DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk

On behalf of the QA Board, 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,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Board

DHR QA Board Feedback for the Community Safety Partnership

TITLE OF DHR	Rokel
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Lambeth
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	3 rd December 2025
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	• The report is well-structured, making it easier to read, follow, and understand key findings and recommendations. • The Review Panel actively considered learning and recommendations from other Domestic Homicide Reviews, ensuring that this review builds on existing knowledge and best practice. • The review demonstrates an excellent application of intersectional and ecological frameworks, offering deeper insight into lived experiences and systemic factors. • The use of the <i>river path</i> metaphor earlier in the report provides a powerful and illustrative narrative of Rokel's life, helping to humanise and illuminate Rokel as a person.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	No amendments required.
2	Contents Page	No amendments required.
3	Pen Portrait	The report currently lacks a pen portrait or tribute to Rokel. This is important for humanising the review and honouring Rokel's life. Please include a dedicated pen portrait at the beginning of the review, drawing on the rich information available in sections 2.2.1, 4.1.1, 4.1.3 and 5.2.1. These sections provide valuable insights into Rokel's personality, relationships and lived experiences.
4	Condolences	No amendments required.

5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.
6	Terms of Reference	Please indicate if Rokel's family was involved in developing the terms of reference.
7	Equality and Diversity	- Although the review demonstrates strong intersectional methodology and includes a "through the eyes of the victim" perspective, it currently lacks a dedicated Equality and Diversity section. This section should outline key protected characteristics including race, religion, disability and sex, with references to where these are discussed in the report. - Please explain the impact on the victim's life and provide analysis of how these characteristics may have influenced Rokel's experiences and barriers to seeking help. It would be helpful to support the section with relevant research and cite examples of intersectional approaches already applied in the wider review.
8	Background Information	At 1.2.1 it is stated that Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDR) (previously known as Domestic Homicide Reviews or DHRs) were established under Section 9(3) of the Domestic Violence Act. The amended legislation is yet to be enacted so please could this be corrected.
9	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	The review should explicitly consider the role of friends and colleagues who are aware of abuse but may not know how to respond. In Rokel's case, this was a significant factor and should be reflected in the analysis and recommendations.
12	Conclusions	No amendments required.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	- Please consider including a recommendation on how friends can support a victim accessing help, particularly when the individual expresses fear for their life, as occurred in this case. - Rokel was employed as an agency nurse working across multiple Trusts. It may be helpful to include a specific policy recommendation for staff regarding domestic abuse, incorporating cultural context and addressing barriers to accessing support and reporting.
14	Timescales	No amendments required.

15	Involvement of family / friends / community	No amendments required.
16	DHR contributors	The report states that five IMRs were commissioned however in the list of contributors only three are highlighted to have submitted an IMR, this needs to be updated for accuracy.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	Although there were no parallel reviews concerning their child, evidence indicates that the child experienced and witnessed domestic abuse. Please clarify if a referral was made to the Children's Safeguarding Partnership for a rapid review to capture learning from Child A's perspective.
20	Dissemination	• Please add Rokel's family, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and the local Police and Crime Commissioner to the dissemination list. • Please indicate whether the family have been asked about dates to avoid publication and any support needed.
21	Action Plan	• The action plan included as an appendix in the overview report has not been updated to reflect progress or completion of actions and recommendations. This needs to be addressed before publication. • Currently, it does not provide timelines, details on how objectives will be achieved, or identify who will monitor implementation. Please add this information. • Given there can be challenges engaging with faith communities, please include how partners intend to overcome these barriers.
22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? <i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i>	No

23	Any other comments	The author recommends that practitioners explore how clients' religious beliefs and spiritual experiences influence coping strategies, working collaboratively with women to understand how their faith is shaped by their environment, community, and family. Please clarify if consideration has been given to this informing future risk assessments.
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