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Dear Mr Walker,

Safer Cornwall DHR4

Thank you for your letter of 5 April responding to feedback provided by the Quality Assurance (QA) Panel on the Domestic Homicide Review that was considered at the meeting on 24 January.

I am grateful to you for providing further clarification on the comments made by the QA Panel. In particular, the Panel was grateful for information about the previous Chair's withdrawal from the process and accepts that it would not be appropriate to share further details in a published report.

The Panel was also grateful for confirmation that the Partnership intends to provide a copy of the QA Panel's letter and the Partnership's response to the victim's son through the advocate at AAFDA.

You asked for clarification of the statutory guidance which recommends a chronology should be included within the overview report. The Panel would not wish to be prescriptive in this regard but considered a detailed 25 page chronology within a report to be excessive. The approach taken by other areas is to chart key, relevant events and use this to produce narrative in chronological order. There are some good examples of the use of chronology in reports on this local authority website that you may wish to explore:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/housing-and-community/community-safety/domestic-violence/domestic-homicide-review-dvhr.html>

I am pleased to inform you that the Panel is content for the reports to be published. I would be grateful if you could email us at: DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the reports when they are published.

I am very grateful to you for the invitation to attend a future Safer Cornwall meeting and would welcome the opportunity to discuss Domestic Homicide Review related matters and other developments in this space.

Finally I would like to thank you for your participation in the process and for the considerable work that the Partnership has put into the reports in this case.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel