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Dear Mr Walker,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report for Cornwall 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 thorough review which has been enhanced by the commissioning of expert reports on medical matters. The Panel noted there was no voluntary sector involvement and suggested that you may wish to present the report to a domestic abuse specialist ahead of publication to assure yourselves that it has adequately captured the dynamics of coercive and controlling behaviour and various risk factors that were evident in this case and which may not normally be identified as domestic abuse, e.g. monitoring of telephones.

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 concluded that the report is largely focused on the perpetrator and may need to be rebalanced with more narrative on the victim, including highlighting her dedication as a mother. The panel suggested that it may have helped give a different perspective if the victim's work colleagues had been interviewed;
- The Panel felt it would be helpful if the report could clarify why the family's concerns set out on page 3 were not addressed and were determined as falling outside the

scope of the review. Additionally a brief explanation in the report on why the first chair withdrew may be useful;

- Based on the symptoms identified on page 28, it may be helpful if the potential effects of domestic violence on children could be explored in more detail;
- The Panel questioned the inclusion of the detailed chronology commencing on page 63 of the report which it was felt adds little to what has already been covered in the main body of the report and shares some information that is not relevant to the review;
- It would be helpful if the report could clarify how the victim died;
- Please clarify whether the status of the perpetrator was a “father” or “stepfather”;
- You may wish to enhance the anonymity by making the dates of death on page 12 more general;
- Please proof read for typing errors.

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 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