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Dear Mr Walker,

Safer Cornwall DHR5

Thank you for your letter of 4 January responding on the feedback provided by the Quality Assurance Panel in relation to the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR5) which they reviewed in October 2017.

I am grateful to you for carefully considering the points made by the Panel. I am particularly grateful to you for the helpful way in which you clarify the concept of hindsight bias and for clearly articulating the methodology you used in this particular review.

In relation to equality and diversity, we re-examined our notes of the meeting and observed that the Panel simply took the view that age or disability may have been pertinent and a sentence in the review setting out why these were not relevant may have been helpful.

I should mention that the comments made by the Panel are observations and suggestions. If, having considered the Panel's feedback, you are satisfied with the report as submitted and believe that no further changes are required, you can publish the report without further reference to the Panel.

Finally, as you may be aware, we are developing a programme of work leading to a Domestic Abuse Bill, which was announced in the Queen's Speech last year. We will shortly be publishing a consultation on the Bill, as well as non-legislative measures, to drive reform and combat domestic abuse. The timing of the launch, which is determined

by other Government priorities, is currently February 2018. I am keen to avoid having to pull out of attending the Safer Cornwall Strategic Board at the last minute and would be grateful to know whether it would be possible to attend the Board meeting taking place on 5 April instead, please?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel