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Dear Ms Atkinson,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review report on behalf of Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. The report was considered at the Quality Assurance (QA) Panel meeting on 27 January 2016.

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 well-written report that is easy to follow. The Panel particularly commended the chair for the assistance given to the care home in completing their IMR.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt could be revised, or benefit from further analysis, which you may wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- The Panel felt that the analysis set out in pages 23-29 may need to be rebalanced so there is greater focus on the system within which the professional worked and whether supervision, training and workload were relevant factors in the decisions that were taken;
- The Panel noted there were no voluntary sector representatives or domestic violence specialists on the review panel. It was felt that the Alzheimer's Society and Age Concern could have made an important contribution to the review;
- The action plan is missing key information, such as completion dates and key milestones;
- Please ensure there is consistency in the anonymisation used. For example, pages 57 – 60. Please also proof read for typing errors, for example on page 32.

The Panel does not need to see 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 the PCC for information.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou

Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel