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Dear Paula,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Hade) for Nottingham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office. The report was assessed by the Quality Assurance Panel on 24 November 2021.

The QA Panel commented that the report feels open, honest and transparent. It is an insightful and probing DHR, analysing a complex set of family relationships, the intersectionality of domestic abuse (DA), mental health issues, substance misuse, and highlighting a rare (in the UK) potential example of siblicide - albeit that Richard was found not guilty. The report is balanced, in the sense that both missed opportunities and examples of good practice are identified. The review references the research that is available on Adult Family Violence (4.1.3 – Leib and Koenraadt), identifying the important features of intense sibling rivalry, power and control issues.

It is good to see that the family were supported by both Hundred Families and Victim Support Homicide Service throughout the duration of the DHR and there are some positive recommendations for interfamilial abuse that can be useful for improved national practice.

The Home Office noted that the issues raised in the previous feedback letter have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now 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 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.

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

On behalf of the QA Panel, 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,

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel