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Dear Ms Clemons,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Enfield ('Elizabeth') to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. The report was considered at the panel meeting on 24 April 2019.

The Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel concluded that this is a clear, forensic report which has drawn on a range of sources for information, including from family and neighbours. The report identifies some useful practical lessons and the Panel particularly commended the section on emerging themes.

There were, however, some aspects of the report which the Panel felt may benefit from additional comment, further analysis, or be revised, which you will wish to consider:

- The report documents that the quality of the IMRs was poor but there is no further commentary on what the quality issues were and how this matter was addressed;
- You may wish to consider using "multiple disadvantage" rather than "toxic trio" as the Panel felt the latter term was no longer used by agencies. They also thought that a recommendation on routine enquiry for drugs and alcohol services should be considered.
- Given the findings in the review around the practices of the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), the Panel concluded that national recommendations for the Ministry of Justice and HM Prisons and Probation Service may have been appropriate;

- It may be helpful to a lay reader to provide an explanation of Integrated Offender Management and CRC;
- The report notes that the perpetrator was accommodated at his mother's house with no record of a risk assessment being undertaken. The Panel felt this merited further analysis which considered other options for housing the perpetrator;
- The Independent Domestic Violence Adviser service was commissioned for 3 months but there is no examination of the wider impact this short term service may have had;
- The panel noted that the perpetrator was housed unwillingly with his mother and queried whether the risk to the mother and any alternative housing options were considered.
- The DASH risk assessment could have been probed in more detail and a recommendation identified to address the findings;
- Similarly the sharing of information between MARACs and GPs could have gone further and identified appropriate recommendations, such as reviewing the effectiveness of IRIS.

The Panel does not need to review another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could email us at DHREnquiries@homeoffice.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

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Joint Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel