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Dear Ms Beasley,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report for Hillingdon to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 20 July 2016.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel found this to be an open and honest report with a good use of pseudonyms and which provides helpful examples of good practice to be pursued by agencies. The Panel particularly commended the breadth and expertise of the review panel.

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

- The Panel felt cultural matters relating to the couple's background had not been sufficiently examined in the report and the equality and diversity section of the report felt generic in nature. As an example of good practice and to assist in future reviews, the Panel recommended a DHR undertaken on behalf of Enfield Community Safety Partnership by Anthony Wills and Victoria Hill;
- The Panel was unclear by the term 'cultural revenge' in 5.2.2;
- The Panel suggested that the terms of reference should feature in the body of the report rather than in an appendix;

- The Panel felt it would be helpful if the report could confirm whether or not an Independent Police Complaints Commission investigation had been undertaken;
- It would give more context if the report could clarify why the perpetrator was convicted of assaulting a police officer but not the victim.

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 also 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 (PCCs) on DHRs in their local area. I am, accordingly, copying this letter to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime for information.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel