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7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Dawn) for Gwynedd Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt the report is well written, using sensitive and appropriate language. It is also clear that the report has been completed with care and diligence, addressing the complex nature of domestic abuse within relationships.

Clear efforts were made to involve the family and there was a very impactful tribute at the opening made to Dawn by her family which provided an insight to her as a person, daughter, sister, mother and grandmother.

The report recognises learning from another DHR within the lessons learnt section, which the Panel commended as good practice. The Panel also acknowledged that the Chair had made efforts to engage with the perpetrator's ex-partner.

The QA Panel felt that there are some aspects of the report which may benefit from further revision, but the Home Office is content that on completion of these changes, the DHR may be published.

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**Areas for final development:**

- There are a number of abbreviations/acronyms used within the report and although there is a glossary of terms as an appendix, some of the acronyms are missing. The QA Panel suggested it may be helpful to have this at the commencement of the report.

- Different starting points for the period to be considered in the review are given in section 4 and Appendix B (January 2017 and August 2017 respectively). This discrepancy should be resolved.
- Para 5.3 states that six agencies produced IMRs and three produced short reports. However, para 7.2 lists five agencies as producing IMRs and four as producing short reports.
- Unclear at 14.30 who 'Gwenno' is.
- The narrative relating to child contact could be improved. It would be helpful to include information about when the court order preventing the perpetrator from seeing his children (referred to in 14.66) was made.
- There seems to be a lack of professional curiosity about Dawn regarding her mental health needs and her request for medication. It would be helpful to set out whether questions were asked regarding why she was feeling depressed.
- Under the recommendations, the Panel suggested there could be a consideration of the fact the DVDS was not completed. Although several attempts were made, the fact there was no record of it being delivered could warrant a recommendation around the importance of ensuring these are completed and not abandoned.
- Although it is stated that Sean was charged with controlling and coercive behaviour towards Dawn between 2016 and 2022 and [REDACTED] before his death, their voice and experiences of their childhood are missing. The Panel noted that it may be helpful to include information on what they witnessed, whether there were missed signs from agencies and if there was a reason this was not explored.
- Whilst alcohol issue is mentioned in this DHR, it does not cover how the agencies may have viewed Dawn as not fitting their specific remit or of considering having more professional curiosity. The report could consider whether the alcohol and mental health issues were a mask for deeper domestic abuse issues that may have been affecting Dawn.
- There is no public health/mental health/suicide prevention representative on panel, to provide the lens of domestic abuse, self-harm, mental health, and links to suicidality. However, the QA Panel have noted that this has been recognised and will be rectified going forward.

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](mailto:DHREnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk). This is for our own records for future analysis to go towards highlighting best practice and to inform public policy.

The DHR report including the executive summary and action plan should be converted to a PDF document and be smaller than 20 MB in size; this final Home

Office QA Panel feedback letter should be attached to the end of the report as an annex; and the DHR Action Plan should be added to the report as an annex. This should include all implementation updates and note that the action plan is a live document and subject to change as outcomes are delivered.

Please also send a digital copy to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner at [DHR@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto: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,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel