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Dear Radlamah,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Alyssa) for Barnet Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 8th November 2023. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel found this a sensitively written review with balanced information obtained and appropriate lessons recognised. They were pleased to see that condolences were provided to the family and friends of Alyssa and noted that contributions from a work colleague helped provide a picture of who Alyssa was. They also recognised there had been a considerable effort made to include Alyssa's adult children in the DHR.

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.

Areas for final development:

- It is stated in the overview report that there was an issue with the perpetrator's GP, who declined to share information with the Panel, citing patient confidentiality. This could have been a missed opportunity to understand John's mental health issues.
- There were administrative issues with arranging follow up care provision by the Home Treatment Team for John.
- Paragraph 3.2 – the report has not explained whether the contents/finding of the Mental Health Trust Board Level Inquiry were included in this DHR.

- The report should explain why there was no consideration for a Mental Health Homicide Review under Health Service Guidance (94) 27, which requires such a review when a homicide has been committed by a person who is or has been in receipt of mental health services six months prior to death, which fits the criteria of this case.
- It would be helpful to include whether Alyssa's family were involved in the selection of pseudonyms for both victim and perpetrator.
- A conclusion section would be helpful in bringing together an overview of the main issues identified with the missed opportunities.

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.

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

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