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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Jessica) for Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 22nd April 2026. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please find the QA Board's feedback in the form below. On completion of the changes suggested the DHR may 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 and the feedback form 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 Board letter and feedback form 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 Board, 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 Board

DHR QA Board Feedback for the Community Safety Partnership

TITLE OF DHR	Jessica
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Cambridgeshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	22 nd April 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments.
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	• The analysis is comprehensive, evidence-based and clearly aligned to the Terms of Reference, with strong thematic structuring and effective use of research to contextualise findings. Good practice is appropriately identified, and there is clear recognition of complexity, multiple disadvantage and systemic factors. • The inclusion and placement of a family tribute, which helps humanise Jessica and maintain a victim-centred approach. • The inclusion of a “Through the Eyes of the Victim” section, which supports a stronger focus on Jessica’s lived experience. • Clear recognition of intersectionality and multiple disadvantage and there is good consideration of sex, mental health and vulnerability in the context of domestic abuse
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	Please ensure the voice of the victim is clearly centred and evidenced across all sections.

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	No amendments required.
2	Contents Page	No amendments required.
3	Pen Portrait	No amendments required.

4	Condolences	No amendments required.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.
6	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.
7	Equality and Diversity	• Please ensure the section clearly evidences how equality and diversity considerations informed the analysis, findings and recommendations, not solely contextual discussion. • Please outline more explicitly how Jessica's protected characteristics and multiple disadvantage impacted service responses and access to support, with clear links to identified learning. • Please ensure the narrative remains focused on the case, reducing general research detail where it does not directly inform the findings.
8	Background Information	• Please clearly outline the domestic abuse context, including the nature and impact of coercive control. Please also ensure the key risk factors are explicitly identified and that there is a clear distinction between family perspective and evidenced information.
9	Combined Chronology	Please ensure the chronology consistently distinguishes between factual events, professional opinion and information reported by others, and clearly signposts the points at which domestic abuse, suicidality, coercive control and multiple disadvantage intersected.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	• Please strengthen this section by ensuring greater conciseness and sharper focus on the key learning, critical decision points and missed opportunities, particularly where risk escalation, domestic abuse indicators and multi-agency responses intersect. • Please ensure that the voice of Jessica is consistently centred, with clearer linkage between her lived experience, professional responses and the resulting outcomes.

12	Conclusions	Please strengthen this section by considering the key safeguarding learnings and critical missed opportunities more explicit, so that the conclusions clearly reflect the findings of the review and the basis for the recommendations.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	• Please ensure the lessons remain concise and focused on high-level learning, while still being clear and specific in intent. • Please strengthen the wording of the recommendations to ensure consistency and clarity, avoiding general phrasing and clearly stating what agencies are expected to deliver.
14	Timescales	Please confirm how the panel has provided assurance that learning has been progressed during the extended timescale.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	Please outline more explicitly how the family's views have informed the analysis, findings and recommendations, beyond engagement activity.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments required.
17	DHR Panel	Please confirm and outline how the absence of Public Health representation was mitigated within panel discussions, particularly given the relevance of suicide in this case.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	Please outline how learning will be embedded, monitored and evaluated over time, not solely how it will be shared.
21	Action Plan	• Please strengthen this section by ensuring all actions are fully SMART. Please ensure that outcomes and success measures are clearly defined, timescales are consistent and realistic, and that progress descriptors (e.g. started, ongoing, completed) are applied consistently. • Please also ensure each action clearly demonstrates how it will lead to measurable improvements in practice.

22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? <i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i>	No requests to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	In the Executive Summary please ensure the key themes of domestic abuse, suicidality, multiple disadvantage and diagnostic overshadowing, are clearly articulated, alongside the critical missed opportunities. Please also ensure the voice and lived experience of Jessica are centred.