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Community Safety Officer  
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Dudley Council  
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23 November 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Baksho) for the Dudley Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt this was a thoughtful and probing report with a good use of research and well-developed learning points and conclusions.

The report benefited from the close questioning of health and social care agencies to elicit as much information as possible as well as a helpful focus on unconscious bias, language barriers, abuse of older people and barriers to reporting experienced by black and minority women.

Nonetheless 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:**

- The report uses words such as 'tragic accident' as opposed to homicide/murder.
- Both the recommendations and action plan need further work to follow through on whether timelines were met and to identify specific outcomes.
- It was accepted that Baksho's family would interpret for her, although when she was admitted to hospital following the fall, the hospital had a 'Interpreting and Translation Policy' in place. It was not recorded whether she was asked if she wanted an interpreter and if she had consented for her

family to do so. This was not recorded, despite Baksho being in hospital for a month.

- A key matter missing from the Executive Summary is an explanation of the Chair's independence and details of their career history and experience.

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