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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Dan and Paul) for Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 14 January 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	Dan and Paul
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Huntingdonshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	14 January 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments (noting comments below)
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QA Board noted that it is good practice that the Chair has included a section on the voice of the child. • There is a very impactful family tribute from the eulogy of Dan and Paul which was provided by their family • It is positive that Lynne was present throughout the second panel meeting and provided valuable input to form the Terms of Reference and identify potential recommendations. • It is good practice that the family had a pivotal part in forming the Terms of Reference and these focussed on the support provided for a child in circumstances of domestic abuse, the loss of a parent and the identification of domestic abuse by friends and family. • It is positive that the family chose the pseudonym for Dan and Paul's son chose his pseudonym.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	Information from another DHR has been copied and pasted into this DHR (see condolences section below). This is very disappointing. Please ensure that this does not occur in future reviews.

	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	In the executive summary, page 2, the condolences are incorrectly provided to another victim and CSP. Please correct this information.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.

6	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.
7	Equality and Diversity	No amendments required.
8	Background Information	No amendments required.
9	Combined Chronology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive summary, section 6.5, please clarify who 'her' is in this context for accuracy. • Overview report, section 8.8, please consider restructuring this paragraph to enable the information to be assimilated by using shorter sentences. • Executive summary, section 6.6, please clarify if the name in this section should read Paul. • Overview report, section 2.1.16, it states 'Clare had a fear of Ashley choking to the point where the Health Visitor had to tell her that she had to feed solid food and there were never any toys about her house as she said it made it look a mess.' These two sentences appear unrelated and should be two separate sentences. Please amend accordingly.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	No amendments required.
12	Conclusions	No amendments required.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	Executive summary, section 9.3, states 'this is not recognising that families are also the victims of domestic abuse when they have lost a loved one, as has been recognised in the Victims and prisoners bill 2024. Press and media regulations need to reflect this and implement processes to take families and loved ones into consideration in this circumstance ahead of prioritising providing information to the public.' Please clarify what 'This' is i.e. the action of whom/what.
14	Timescales	No amendments required.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	No amendments required.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments required.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.

18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	No amendments required.
21	Action Plan	An action plan is attached. However, there is no evidence of work being undertaken or completed. Please ensure this is updated before publication.
22	<p>Has there been a request to withhold publication?</p> <p><i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i></p>	There have been no requests to withhold publication. However, the CSP may wish to consider this in light of Dan's young child and the possible impact of further trauma.
23	Any other comments	