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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Miles) for Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 26 February 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	Miles
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Huntingdonshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	26 th February 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specialist knowledge contributed by the locally commissioned domestic abuse agency, Peterborough Women’s Aid, as well as by Mental Health and Suicide Prevention staff, is valuable. The inclusion of a male domestic abuse specialist was also good practice. • Excellent thought has been given to the pen portrait and dedication. • Miles’ family were consulted on the use of a pseudonym and agreed upon the name Miles being used throughout the report, as a homage to his love of Miles Davis and jazz music. • The Chair’s sensitive approach to engaging with Olivia is commendable. • The equality and diversity section is well developed. • Research is cited well throughout the DHR.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In section 1.6.5, there is a carefully considered approach to sharing sensitive information, which should be adopted as best practice going forward.

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
	Title Page	No amendments required.
1	Contents Page	No amendments required.
2	Pen Portrait	No amendments required.
3	Condolences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences are included in the executive summary but not until the conclusion. Please consider moving this to earlier in the report.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miles and Olivia's exact date of births and their address is disclosed in the Terms of Reference (in appendix one of the overview report). This breaches confidentiality. Please remove prior to publication.
4	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments required.
5	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.
6	Equality and Diversity	No amendments required.
7	Background Information	No amendments required.
8	Combined Chronology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chronology would benefit from being edited to remain primarily factual, with clearer signposting of escalation points. Please consider moving analysis such as NICE and SafeLives references and "missed opportunities" to a separate learning section to improve clarity.
9	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The section would be improved by highlighting one of the issues evidenced throughout the case: limited safe enquiry and opportunities for Miles to speak alone, despite domestic abuse concerns and significant vulnerability. Please amend accordingly. The perpetrator section (4.2) could be strengthened by clarifying what weight can be placed on her account in light of the domestic abuse incident.
10	Analysis	The analysis could be strengthened by tightening the narrative to focus more explicitly on evidenced practice gaps and the risk trajectory.
11	Conclusions	No amendments required.
12	Lessons learnt and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section would be strengthened by including a short summary of the key themes from the previous cases references and a brief statement of how those themes relate to the issues emerging in this DHR. The lessons section would be strengthened by adding an explicit theme on older male victims and service pathway barriers.
13	Timescales	No amendments required.

14	Involvement of family / friends / community	The report states that consideration was given to approaching friends, colleagues, neighbours, and the wider community; however, no suitable additional contacts were identified. It would be helpful to understand the challenges encountered to inform approaches in future cases.
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	There is no dissemination list. Please include one and include the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and Miles' family.
21	Action Plan	The action plan is not consistently SMART because several recommendations lack clear deliverables and have missing target/completion dates, meaning progress and impact cannot be reliably monitored. Please review the action plan and amend accordingly ahead of publication.
22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?	No requests to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	Please review the DHR for typos and minor grammatical errors before publication.