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Dear Annabel,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Senai) for Hammersmith & Fulham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 24th August 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt the report was thorough and transparent and has considered the issues in depth. The report demonstrates a good understanding of domestic abuse and the impact of coercive and controlling behaviour.

The independence of panel members and particularly the author & Chair of the report is considered in depth. This gives true transparency and confidence in the lack of bias in the DHR. The Equality and Diversity section of the report was informed and culturally sensitive in seeking to understand Eritrean culture and the impact of the civil war.

The report has a detailed recommendation list and separate action plan with deadlines to ensure there is accountability and follow up of the actions allocated to agencies.

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 development:

- Please include the detail of the actual charges in the report
- Senai reported several times that he was subject to financial abuse, but this is not followed through. It is unclear what was known about his and Amaris' financial position and some probing of this would help with an understanding

of what resources were available to Senai that might have made him vulnerable to financial abuse, and to help in framing an appropriate recommendation.

- 8.1 states that ‘no agency held any history of domestic abuse disclosures or professional suspicion of domestic abuse between the two brothers. The only incident was the fatal one.’ – since it’s impossible to know this, it would be better to state ‘The only **known** incident was the fatal one.’
- At 9.1 it is unclear if the victim’s former partner is referred to as a pseudonym.

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.

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,

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Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel