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Dear Mike,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Tamseela) for Wandsworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 24th April 2024. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel felt there was good panel representation for this review, including voluntary organisations of direct relevance. The information provided by the Asian Women's Resource Centre is particularly helpful in getting a sense of the victim and perpetrator's community and how this may have impacted them.

Although there was not a specific tribute to Tamseela, there is a good sense of who she was, her kindness, deep faith, and that she was known across her community as a kind-hearted woman who strived help everyone around her. There was positive engagement by the author with Tamseela's family and it is good to see recognition of the issues around a lack of proper interpretation and the learning from this.

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:

- On both reports, the front page is currently missing the month and year of death and the name of the commissioning CSP.
- Please clarify when the DHR process was completed as the report states August 2022 (paragraph 1.2.2) but the front-page states October 2022.

- The review has not been fully anonymised, with the date of death, the date of the trial and the inquest and the date Tamseela's body was discovered all included throughout. The victim's (presumably real) surname and her and the perpetrator's initials are also included in the chronology. Other initials (such as for Tamseela's deceased husband) are included, but it is unclear if these are the real initials. These should be amended.
- It is not stated if the family were invited to select their own pseudonyms, which would be helpful to clarify. 2.4.9 also uses the name 'Rana' and this is not stated to be a pseudonym. 2.4.10 and 2.4.20 uses the initial 'H' instead of Nadim.
- 1.10 does not include any information on how Tamseela's family were contacted, if this included the Home Office leaflets or information on specialist advocacy support, which should be clarified. There is no mention of whether the family had sight of the Terms of Reference, met the panel, or have read the report. 1.11, though titled 'Involvement of the Perpetrator' does not mention if he was contacted for the review. 2.4.3 however states he took part so this should be included under the appropriate heading.
- The age of perpetrator appears to be incorrect in the report.
- Please ensure that panel members' names, job titles and organisations are clearly listed (unless there are specific reasons not to name them).
- The section on parallel reviews should mention the Board Level Inquiry.
- Please review the section on dissemination to detail specifically who will receive a copy of the report, including a weblink to the site where it will be published and any additional plans to disseminate the learning.
- Please review the section on equality and diversity to more clearly answer whether protected characteristics acted as a barrier to accessing services.
- Please clarify the timeline to make sense of '*after about six months*' (paragraph 2.4.55): when other information in the report states the couple only met three months before the wedding.
- Please review paragraphs 1.5.9 to 1.5.18 and paragraphs 3.3.4 to 3.3.8 to ensure only relevant statistics/research are quoted. Please also ensure that research is current (generally considered to be no more than five years old or up to ten in exceptional circumstances).
- It would have been helpful to have the information from the different agencies combined and in a chronological order so as to see Tamseela's life in a joined-up way.
- There are some acronyms in the chronology which are not explained e.g. OT, MSE
- The report requires a thorough proofread.

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.

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

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