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6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Emma,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Bethany) for Wirral Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was considered at the QA Panel meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The QA Panel commented that overall, the report is well-written and respectful. The report opens with a poem chosen by the family and incorporates insights from friends, family and colleagues. It is victim-centred, and includes contributions from Bethany's son, who was supported by Victim Support, and her colleagues, offering context on her relationship with the perpetrator.

However, there were aspects of the report which the Panel felt needed further revision. On completion of these changes the DHR should be resubmitted to the Home Office for review by **6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

**Areas for development:**

- The review currently includes detailed analysis of Bethany's personal history, some of which may be unnecessarily intrusive given her identifiable circumstances. Please review this information accordingly.
- The review could explore economic abuse more deeply. Jack's financial deception and control (e.g. lying about income, potential coerced debt, and control over household finances) are significant and should be analysed.
- Bethany's work-related experiences (e.g. being required to call Jack during night shifts) may indicate coercive control, which could have affected her employment. Please include further detail on this in the report.

- The Panel noted that there may be learning opportunities for Bethany's employer regarding recognising and responding to coercive control. Please consider whether anything further can be added to the review on this area.
- The inclusion of events that occurred prior to the review period appears to be of limited relevance. Questions surrounding Bethany's parenting in 1990 do not seem pertinent to the circumstances of her murder in 2022, which was committed by an individual who was neither the father of her children nor involved in her life at that time.
- The Chair may wish to consider, for future reviews, engaging with Citizen's Advice to explore how members of the public access information and support regarding debt management.

**On resubmission, please clearly indicate where changes have been made by using a different colour font or highlighting the added or amended text in the report. If paragraph numbers have changed, please give revised location of the answer to the feedback comment. Please make it clear in the subject line of your email that the documents contained are revised versions for reconsideration. The deadline for this resubmission is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

I look forward to receiving an updated report.

Yours sincerely,

Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel