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Dear Umi,

Thank you for resubmitting the report (Lisa) for Reading Community Safety Partnership to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Panel. The report was reassessed in June 2025.

The QA Panel noted that there was a tribute to Lisa, made by her family, at the commencement of the overview report which provided an insight to who she was as a person. The report also reads well, with a detailed overview, specific to the Terms of Reference for the case, and notable representation from the local Women's Aid on the panel

The QA Panel noted that most of the issues raised in the previous feedback letter have now been addressed.

The view of the Home Office is that the DHR may now be published.

Before publication, please review and implement the following feedback:

- In paragraph 5.2., IMR is incorrectly referred to as 'Independent Management Report'. It should be 'Individual Management Reviews'.
- Within the Equality and Diversity section, sex is not considered as a relevant protected characteristic, when we would expect it to be, given the evidence base.
- Paragraph 16.57 discusses the victim being unable to participate in a video consultation, because she said she was "not tech savvy and registered partly sighted". The response to this feels dismissive of the impact of her sight impairment and focusses on the fact that this 'appears unlikely as in their view the vast majority of the UK population knew how to activate and participate in a mobile phone video call'. An edit has been made in two places in the report to clarify this comment, but it remains unchanged at 16.57.

- It is not clear why Johnson's typology is included (17.1). It's implied that it is not clear who the abuser was, yet the following paragraph states that 'there is clear evidence that he was physically violent toward Lisa before he murdered her'.
- The report would benefit from proof reading and a review of the formatting.
- In the executive summary, the title page does not state that it is a DHR.

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