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23 February 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Julie) for Gloucestershire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 14 January 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

<b>TITLE OF DHR</b>	Julie
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP</b>	Gloucestershire
<b>DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD</b>	14 January 2026
<b>DECISION</b>	Publish with amendments
<b>GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a detailed review with an extensive chronology from many agencies.</li> <li>• There were condolences provided to family and friends of Julie.</li> <li>• It is positive that Julie's mother had support from AAFDA and was consulted on the pseudonyms used in the report.</li> <li>• The lessons learnt section is comprehensive.</li> </ul>
<b>FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs</b>	In future reviews, it may be helpful to have a representative from public health on the panel.

	<b>DHR SECTION</b>	<b>DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)</b>
1	Title Page	Please add the month and year of Julie's death to the title page.
2	Contents Page	Please add page numbers to the contents page in both the executive summary and overview report.
3	Pen Portrait	The report would benefit from a pen portrait of Julie. Please consider including one.
4	Condolences	No amendments required.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	The exact date of death is disclosed in sections 1.6, 13.4 and 14.60 of the overview report. Please amend to only the month and year to ensure confidentiality.
6	Terms of Reference	Please indicate whether Julie's family were offered the opportunity to feed into the development of these.
7	Equality and Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please consider expanding on how mental health links to disability.</li> <li>• Please consider being explicit on how sex is a relevant protected characteristic both in relation to victimisation and perpetration.</li> </ul>

8	Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In section 13.6, it states, 'Damon was not with Julie at the time of her death and was later brought over by police'. Please consider amending this statement to reflect the action by the police i.e. arrested, invited for non-custodial interview.</li> <li>Section 13.7 refers to a Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO). Please consider amending to Crime Scene Investigator (CSI).</li> </ul>
9	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
10	Overview	In section 15.70, Julie is recorded to have regularly disclosed abuse and sought help so the sentence that she 'may have formed a tolerance of abuse' is not accurate. Please consider amending this statement.
11	Analysis	In section 16.19, please consider amending the reference to 'unwise' decisions. Julie was making decisions based on context.
12	Conclusions	The conclusions do not consider what happened through Julie's eyes. Please consider potential barriers to her proactively engaging. For example, no arrest was made when Damon breached the injunction which may have had a negative impact on Julie's trust in agencies.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	Please present single agency recommendations as such and give the rationale for this.
14	Timescales	No amendments required.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	Please indicate whether the Home Office leaflet was shared with Julie's mother.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please include a list of who will receive the overview report. This should include the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please indicate whether Julie's family will be offered the opportunity to read the report before publication and whether the Chair has checked in with them, via their liaison officer, about key dates to avoid report publication and whether the family will need any additional support at this time.</li> </ul>
21	Action Plan	No amendments required.
22	<p>Has there been a request to withhold publication?</p> <p><i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i></p>	No requests to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	