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14th May 2026

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Samantha) for Telford and Wrekin Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 25th March 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. 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

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

TITLE OF DHR	Samantha
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Telford and Wrekin
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	25 th March 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	• Samantha's friend was a valuable contributor to the review. It was also good practice to see contact with Samantha's counsellor and employer. • Condolences offered to the friends and family of Samantha. • The QA Board noted that good links were made with another DHR undertaken in the area.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	• Please separate paragraphs by a space in the future for the ease of the reader. • Please consider using language which names who is doing what to who and which holds the abuser accountable rather than terms such as 'abusive relationship' and 'incidents between'.

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
	Title Page	No amendments required.
1	Contents Page	No amendments required.
2	Pen Portrait	Details under section 6 could be drawn on for the author to develop a pen portrait. Please consider including this.
3	Condolences	No amendments required.
4	Confidentiality and Anonymity	Samantha's anonymity could be breached from dates given close to her death (6.43 and 6.44 of overview report and 3.43 and 3.44 of executive summary). Please either remove these dates, or reference solely the month and year.
5	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.

6	Equality and Diversity	• At 4.32, please make clear that abuse can also be economic. • At 4.44, please add that this is in reported cases. • At 4.49, please also note that alcohol/drugs can be used as a coping strategy or by the abuser as part of the abuse.
7	Background Information	No amendments required.
8	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
9	Overview	No amendments required.
10	Analysis	• In 8.19 and 8.170 – please expand on the practitioner’s event so that the reader knows when this took place and how it contributed to the review. • At 6.41 it is stated that Neil made an accusation against Samantha and a risk assessment was undertaken. He was on bail at the time for stalking her. There was also a clearly established pattern of his abuse. Please could the analysis consider how this might have impacted Samantha who was already – as described at 8.157 – blaming herself.
11	Conclusions	No amendments required.
12	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments required.
13	Timescales	No amendments required.
14	Involvement of family / friends / community	No amendments required.
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	• Please include a list of intended recipients of the final report, including to Samantha's friend and family, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner. • Please state if dates to avoid publication have been discussed with the family and whether support will be required around publication.
21	Action Plan	• Please ensure the action plan is up to date prior to publication. • Please state who will have responsibility for its implementation.
22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? <i>If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?</i>	No – although the report states in the dissemination section that the executive/summary and or the oversight report will be published. Please ensure that both are published unless a specific reason is provided to the QA Board.
23	Any other comments	Please clarify if it was considered whether Samantha's cat (mentioned at 8.155) had also come to harm.