

DHR 2014 - Elizabeth

Independent Chair's response to Home Office Quality Assurance Panel comments

Quality Assurance Panel comments	Action to be taken
It may have been helpful to approach the victim's friends, which is particularly relevant in cases where a partner is described as "always present" during appointments and other events as this <i>could</i> indicate controlling behaviour and isolation	This point will be relayed to the Warwickshire Domestic Homicide Review Sub-Group to consider as best practice for future Domestic Homicide Reviews conducted within the county
There was no voluntary sector or specialist representation on the review panel. We recognise that you cannot go back and do this part of the review again, but we ask that you consider this for future reviews	This point will be relayed to the Warwickshire Domestic Homicide Review Sub-Group to consider as best practice for future Domestic Homicide Reviews conducted within the county
It would be helpful if the report could give details of the chair and set out his independence	This has been included
Although relevant, equality and diversity issues have not been considered in the review	At the time of writing the Report, the relevant Home Office guidance was followed. This guidance did not include a requirement to incorporate a section on Equality or Diversity. The Home Office issued new guidance following the submission of the Report to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. Therefore this section will not be included
You may wish to consider whether the third recommendation for George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust on page 59 of the report could be more sensitively framed	The recommendations within this report have been discussed and agreed with members of the Domestic Homicide Review Panel and approved by the Chair. With this in mind, it is not felt appropriate to change this recommendation
The learning identified for Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers on page 12 of the report could be expanded to include knowing how to spot signs of abuse	This has been passed on to the MS Society for their consideration
Please proof read as some sentences have words missing	This has been done