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Dear Mahdiyyah,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Dolly) for Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 24th June 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	Dolly
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Coventry
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	24 June 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments (noting comments below)
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	• The analysis is reflective and demonstrates good use of victim voice through incorporation of Dolly's writings and consideration of trauma and barriers to engagement. • It is positive to see improved joint working between Probation and Change, Grow, Live, including co-location and information sharing arrangements. • There are good links between lessons learned and recommendations made. • There is some strong analysis in the equality section on intersectionality. • There was good engagement with Dolly's mother.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	• Please clarify why wider family, friends and community engagement was not possible. • Please consider including a dedicated pen portrait.

	DHR SECTION	**DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)**
1	Title Page	No amendments required.
2	Contents Page	No amendments required.
3	Pen Portrait	A pen portrait is not included. However, the author had access to Dolly's diaries which formed the lived experience section of the report. Please consider including a pen portrait that sets out who Dolly was a person.
4	Condolences	No amendments required.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	• In section 10.2, there is reference to a television documentary on Dolly's murder, and the name of the episode is given. A more suitable line would read 'there has been media interest in this case' as it covers this aspect without identifying Dolly.

		• There is also reference that Dolly lived in a particular area of Coventry, again potentially impacting on confidentiality. Please ensure report is fully confidential prior to publication.
6	Terms of Reference	No amendments required.
7	Equality and Diversity	Please consider strengthening this section by further linking intersectionality to the later analysis and agency responses, particularly how Dolly's mixed heritage, trauma, substance use, repeated abuse and loss of care of her children may have influenced engagement, vulnerability and professional understanding.
8	Background Information	Please consider briefly highlighting the apparent similarity between Derek's previous offence against a former partner and the circumstances of Dolly's death, as this may assist with understanding pattern recognition and escalation.
9	Combined Chronology	No amendments required.
10	Overview	No amendments required.
11	Analysis	• Please consider strengthening the analysis regarding Probation involvement and opportunities for intervention, particularly in relation to cumulative information, repeated contact and escalation of risk. • In 13.2, it reads ''… that there were opportunities for Dolly to engage with agencies but that she chose not to do so'', this line simplifies the barriers to engagement. Given the strength of the analysis later in this section, this line should be re-worded.
12	Conclusions	Please consider strengthening the conclusions regarding Probation involvement and opportunities for intervention, particularly in relation to repeated contact, cumulative information and escalation of risk.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments required.
14	Timescales	Please include further clarity regarding the chronology of delays and the steps taken to mitigate them, including: the duration of the criminal justice delay, when the change in Chair occurred, whether interim learning, emerging themes or immediate safeguarding actions were identified and/or shared during the delay period and whether the delay impacted family engagement, practitioner participation or the availability of evidence.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	It is not clear whether the panel considered speaking to Derek as part of the DHR. Please clarify this point.

16	DHR contributors	• Please confirm whether all relevant agencies were represented throughout the review process, particularly following the change of Chair. • It is not clear who or what agency Kaira is. Please expand on this and the specialist support they gave to the panel.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments required.
18	DHR Author	No amendments required.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments required.
20	Dissemination	No amendments required.
21	Action Plan	• Please ensure the Action Plan is fully completed, including lead agencies, responsible leads, milestones, target dates, outcomes and RAG status. • For recommendation 5, it is important to note that HMPPS now has a Address Checks (Post Custody) Policy Framework to inform staff on how they assess suitability. For the same recommendation, it is also important to note that HMPPS also now has a Management Oversight Policy.
22	Has there been a request to withhold publication? *If Yes, include the reason for the request. Is it proportionate and appropriate?*	The QA Board agree for only the executive summary to be published.
23	Any other comments	