Dear Mr Bending,

Thank you for submitting a combined Domestic Homicide Review and Serious Case Review report on behalf of the London Borough of Hackney for consideration by the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance (QA) Panel.

The QA Panel would like to thank you for conducting this joint review and for providing them with the final report. The Panel found this to be a well-written, thorough and probing report that displays compassion and empathy for the victims. The Panel would like to commend the chair for using a variety of sources to inform the review, including interviewing officers himself. The Panel were particularly struck by the contribution of family members which has given the adult victim a voice in the review.

There were some aspects of the report which the Panel felt could be revised which you will wish to consider before you publish the final report:

- The Panel felt that a separate executive summary that can be read in isolation may be helpful;
- The Panel suggested that anonymity could be enhanced with the removal of the gender of the children in the family. In addition, removing the name of the GP practice may avoid identifying the area where the family lived;
- Bullet points in paragraph 168 on page 48 would help distinguish the sentences;
- There is a typing error in the first line of paragraph 122 on page 30;
The Panel recommended that the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime should also be added to the distribution list on page 62 of the report.

The Panel does not need to see another version of the report, but I would be grateful if you could include this letter as an appendix to the report when it is published.

I would be grateful if you could email us at DHREquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and provide us with the URL to the report when it is published.

Yours sincerely

Christian Papaleontiou
Chair of the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel