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Dear Marice,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Rachel) for South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the Home Office Quality Assurance (QA) Board. The report was considered at the QA Board meeting on 14th 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. 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	Rachel
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	South Nottinghamshire
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	14 th January 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A learning event was held in January 2025, incorporating family information and involving practitioners and specialists in a full discussion of events. This was noted as good practice. • The Chair outlines how the relationship with the family unfortunately broke down after the first visit due to several misunderstandings. The Chair provides valuable reflections on the importance of effective advocacy for families. • A very impactful pen portrait was provided by the Rachel's sons, offering a strong insight into who Rachel was and how deeply she is missed by her family, friends, and the wider community. • Condolences were offered to Rachel's family and friends.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	Please add the CSP logo to the title page.
2	Contents Page	No amendments necessary.
3	Pen Portrait	No amendments necessary.
4	Condolences	No amendments necessary.
5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel's exact date of death is disclosed in both the executive summary and the overview report (11.27). Please amend this to ensure anonymity – only the month and year is required. • Please indicate who chose the name for Dean.
6	Terms of Reference	This currently reads as a list of questions with limited context. Please review this section and amend accordingly.

7	Equality and Diversity	It is positive to see reference to socio-economic status. Please could sex be explicitly acknowledged in relation to both victimisation and perpetration. It would also be helpful to include further detail on why marriage is considered relevant in this context.
8	Background Information	No amendments necessary.
9	Combined Chronology	No amendments necessary.
10	Overview	No amendments necessary.
11	Analysis	No amendments necessary.
12	Conclusions	No amendments necessary.
13	Lessons learnt and recommendations	No amendments necessary.
14	Timescales	No amendments necessary.
15	Involvement of family / friends / community	Please indicate if Rachel's family received the Home Office leaflet.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments necessary.
17	DHR Panel	Please indicate if the panel members were independent.
18	DHR Author	Please indicate if the Chair has had training on DHRs.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments necessary.
20	Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please indicate whether Rachel's family has been consulted about key dates to avoid publication of the report and whether they will need support when it is published. • Please replace reference to quality assurance panel with board.

21	Action Plan	There is some evidence that actions have been completed. However, there are some that still require updating to reflect what learning has taken place. Please review this and update accordingly.
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 request to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please consider making a recommendation to the CSP that a ‘lessons learned’ event is held, using the homicide timeline to track the trajectory of this tragic case. • Please correct the typo at section 12.6. • Please correct the typo at section 13.4.7.