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24th February 2026

Dear Dave,

Thank you for submitting the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) report (Max) for Test Valley 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	Max
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Test Valley
DATE REVIEWED BY QA BOARD	14 th January 2026
DECISION	Publish with amendments
GOOD PRACTICE COMMENDED	• The review shows a strong and effective use of expert input throughout. • There is a powerful pen portrait from Max's children and his wife, from whom he had been separated. Their tributes are highly impactful, offering a rich and personal insight into Max as a father, husband, grandfather and individual. • Condolences were offered to Max's family and friends, along with thanks for their contribution to the DHR process. • The dissemination plan is clearly set out, including specific publication details. • The terms of reference are well developed. • Equality and diversity considerations have been addressed thoroughly and appropriately. • The jointly commissioned DHR/SAR represents a positive and well-judged approach. • In addition, the appendices include a helpful summary table outlining agency training and policies. • The action plan is very detailed, with many actions already completed. • There is good reference to previous DHRs with similar circumstances.
FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE DHRs	

	DHR SECTION	DHR QA BOARD FEEDBACK (improvements required before publication)
1	Title Page	No amendments necessary.
2	Contents Page	No amendments necessary.
3	Pen Portrait	No amendments necessary.
4	Condolences	No amendments necessary.

5	Confidentiality and Anonymity	No amendments necessary.
6	Terms of Reference	No amendments necessary.
7	Equality and Diversity	No amendments necessary.
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	No amendments necessary.
16	DHR contributors	No amendments necessary.
17	DHR Panel	No amendments necessary.
18	DHR Author	There is no reference to training the author has undertaken in relation to completing DHRs, which would be helpful to reference.
19	Parallel Reviews	No amendments necessary.
20	Dissemination	Please confirm whether Max's family has been consulted regarding key dates to avoid around publication, and whether any support will be required for them during this period.

21	Action Plan	No amendments necessary.
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 request to withhold publication.
23	Any other comments	• Introduction: please clarify that Section 8 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 has not yet come into force. • Please proofread the report prior to publication to correct minor typos.