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Re: Domestic Homicide Review into the death of Mrs Y

Dear Ms Meldrum and Mr Douglass,

I am writing to clarify the issue raised by the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel approval letter, dated 14/07/14, regarding apparently contradictory information on pages 62 and 69 as to whether the victim made a disclosure of domestic abuse or violence.

While Mrs Y did disclose concerns regarding Mr Y's behaviour which were indicative of both abuse and risk, in making these disclosures she did not overtly identify herself as having experienced domestic violence or abuse. Thus on page 62 it was identified that she did not disclose any 'direct' concerns, in the sense of overtly stating she had experienced domestic violence or abuse. However, as is addressed throughout the report, her disclosures, and other concerns, were such that indicators of domestic abuse, and associated risks, were present within her contact with agencies and this was not identified as such by staff involved with her.

I hope this is of assistance in clarifying the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kath Albiston Independent Report Author