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Dear Sharon,

Re: Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office - Domestic Homicide Review Oversight Pilot (DHR-OM)

Following the request made by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner (DAC) for expressions of interest to be submitted by local Community Safety Partnerships and Police and Crime Commissioners to deliver one of two DHR oversight mechanism pilots; one which pilots CSP's, and one which pilots PCC's providing the oversight mechanism, my office is interested in submitting an application to pilot this from the perspective of the PCC oversight mechanism.

Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office Context

The purpose of the Domestic Homicide Oversight Mechanism (DHOM) is to bring independence to the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) process post publication of reviews to ensure that there is local and national accountability for the implementation of DHR recommendations, as well as identifying common themes and trends and supporting change at a national level. This includes ensuring that learning is shared nationally, improving the effectiveness of DHR recommendations, and demonstrating where there is change following DHR recommendations. The Domestic Abuse Commissioner's, 'Domestic Homicide Oversight Mechanism' seeks to add value, provide consistency, and improve the quality of DHR processes.

Local Oversight Pilot

The purpose of the local oversight pilot is to test and learn the best way for the DAC to oversee the implementation of recommendations and actions within DHRs, and to inform the development of the oversight mechanism for roll out nationally.

This will provide an opportunity to understand the capacity and resource required to carry out effective oversight, the needs of local areas and how oversight can best support local implementation of recommendations and evidence impact.



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Approach:

The DAC will be testing two models, one of which is led at the local level by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and one of which is led at the local level by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

In order to progress an expression of interest, due by 1 December 2023, my office will be required to submit the following information:

- Number of DHRs in your area (breakdown by status - pending, published, ongoing), the dates of publication and the area they relate to.
- A description of governance arrangements for DHR local oversight including any task and finish groups/subgroups.
- Whether there are any existing or planned mechanisms for analysis of trends in DHRs and their recommendations in the local area.
- Details of learning events held or planned.
- Details of any reporting and monitoring system in place for tracking action and implementation of recommendations.
- Confirmation of willingness from partners to engage in local oversight pilot.
- A summary of the resource commitment including the amount of funding for DHRs, and which partners currently contribute to the process.
- Whether we are utilising Real Time Suicide Surveillance.
- How the PCC is currently involved in DHR processes and implementation of recommendations.
- Nominate a designated officer to liaise with the DAC office
- Share all completed DHRs and Action Plans from the previous 3 years.
- Provide information about any pending or ongoing DHRs in the area.
- Complete an implementation form 6 months following publication of DHR, setting out progress.

I would therefore like to request your support for our expression of interest - If you are agreeable, Tracey Brittain – Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager will make contact with each local authority domestic abuse coordinator to access the required information as outlined above.

Regards



Steve Tuner
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland