Domestic Homicide Reviews in Hertfordshire

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24 DHRs since 2011
31 Deceased
29 Children living in household

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6 Murder suicides
12 Intimate Partner Violence
5 Familial abuse
13 women

Four men
Key themes in Hertfordshire DHRs
38% published
As part of Hertfordshire’s Domestic Abuse Strategy, one team in the County Council manage the DHR process. Here is our governance structure....
Governance structure
Challenges from a County Council Perspective

- Resources
- Decision-making
- Other review types
- Sign-off
Challenges from the CSP perspective

Funding DHRs
The process and their role
Action plans
Having a voice
Developing solutions

**Step 1:** Mapping the process

**Step 2:** Identifying where problems occur (and why)

**Step 3:** Working with partners to identify solutions

**Step 4:** Trialling solutions to see what works

**Step 5:** Formalising the arrangements
One step forward....

HERTFORDSHIRE'S APPROVED LIST OF CHAIRS
Previous arrangements

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Separate Chair and Author
New arrangement: An Approved List

- Based on good practice in other areas
- Chairs have to apply and demonstrate ability
- Additional specialisms
- Linking with Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review
Benefits

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- Quality and efficacy
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- £10,000: “Cap” for most complex of reviews.
Option 2: Tiered Payments

- £400 a day pro-rata
- Based on 7.4 hour working day
- Estimation that Chairs will require 10-25 working days to complete the review
- Travel expenses only paid in exceptional circumstances (e.g. family live out of county)
- Chairs would be required to invoice for their time
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Ongoing quality assurance

- DHR Panel to complete an “evaluation” of the DHR Chair following completion of a DHR (i.e. DHR approved by Home Office). An “average score” to be kept on record for all Chairs.

- DHR Chair’s performance to then be reviewed against contract KPIs by the Strategic Partnership’s Team

- Score of “1” to be added to Chair’s record for every Overview Report accepted by the Home Office after first submission
Future plans....