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Dear Lorraine,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June to the Secretary of State. I am grateful to you for circulating a Section 28 Prevention of Future Death (PFD) Report in relation to the tragic death of Jessie Laverack in 2018, and I am replying as the newly appointed Minister for Safeguarding.

I fully understand the Coroner raising these issues with the Home Secretary and with the Secretaries of State for Health and Justice. Domestic abuse is a terrible crime, and the Government is committed to doing everything we can to tackle it. As you will know, the Government published its Domestic Abuse Plan on 30 March this year, building upon the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. We will wish to consider your Report carefully to see which issues may already have been addressed and which will require further action.

I note that the Coroner has requested a formal response by Tuesday 23 August. I will look to ensure that officials provide you with a full response by that date to the important issues which the Report raises.



Amanda Solloway MP