

Recruiting appropriately qualified Domestic Homicide Review/Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DHR/DARDR) Chairs

Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) has now launched the Register of Accredited DHR/DARDR Chairs which is accessible to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to assist them in recruiting appropriately qualified Chairs for reviews. We are reaching out to clarify the expectations related to the recruitment of Chairs.

From 1st May 2026, the Home Office is mandating that all Chairs recruited by CSPs to oversee DHR/DARDRs should have successfully completed the Certificate in Chairing a Domestic Homicide Review. One source of evidence that a Chair holds this qualification would be their inclusion on the Register of Accredited DHR/DARDR Chairs, held by AAFDA.

As we are working towards this, in recognition that there are not yet enough qualified Chairs to meet demand in 2025/26, the expectations this year (until 1st May 2026) are that either:

- The Chair will have successfully completed the Certificate in Chairing a Domestic Homicide Review, OR
- They can evidence that they have booked onto the Certificate in Chairing a Domestic Homicide Review course in 2025/26.

AAFDA are continuing to prioritise active Chairs' access to the course, to ensure that they have the opportunity to achieve the qualification within the set timeframe.

The Home Office strongly encourages CSPs to recruit DHR/DARDR Chairs that have undertaken the training, as outlined above. There is a greater chance that DHR/DARDR will be returned without substantive feedback if qualified Chairs are employed.

If you have any questions about the Certificate in Chairing a Domestic Homicide Review, please contact training@aafda.org.uk

If you have any queries about the Register of Accredited DHR/DARDR Chairs, please contact nicki.norman@aafda.org.uk

With kind regards,

AAFDA and the Home Office Interpersonal Abuse Unit