

## Notable changes from 2016 - 2026 Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Statutory Guidance

The information below is a quick and dirty analysis of the main differences between the 2026 DARDR Statutory Guidance and the 2016 DHR Statutory Guidance. We may have included some information which was also in the 2016 guidance and we may have missed some new information, but it should be a useful reference document. Quick and dirty means that it is unlikely to be perfect. It certainly would not suffice if one is conducting a DARDR and the full guidance should always be consulted.

| Para, Page or Section No. | Sections                 | Notable changes/additions/other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|                           | INTRODUCTION             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Pg 5.                     | Purpose and legal status | <p>In addition to Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (as amended by section 19 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024), introduces that the legislation underpinning DARDRs was amended by the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, so that a DARDR is commissioned when a death has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse, as defined by section 1 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (and, therefore, the 2021 Act statutory definition of domestic abuse).</p> <p>The above paragraph is different to the 2016 guidance in that it does not include the word “neglect”. However, Para 2.2. makes clear that neglect is a reason for commissioning a DARDR.</p> <p>Introduces the re-naming of DHRs via the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, as Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs).</p> <p>Clarifies that the 2026 statutory guidance applies to reviews where the notification is received after 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Death notifications received before then or reviews already underway prior to this date, may continue to proceed under the 2016 guidance.</p> |
| Pg 6.                     | Structure                | New section – sets out structure of guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Pg 6.                     | Audience                 | <p>New section – sets out who the guidance is aimed at. Namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSPs</li> <li>• DARDR Chair and Panel</li> <li>• DA Commissioner</li> <li>• PCCs</li> <li>• Organisations working with victims and perpetrators</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                                                                 |                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning services (including the police, local authorities and the NHS)</li> <li>• Family, friends, community of the victim</li> </ul> <p>Clarifies the guidance applies to England and Wales but notes separate framework applied via SUSRs in Wales.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION TO DOMESTIC ABUSE RELATED DEATH REVIEWS |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1                                                               | Purpose of a DARDR                   | <p>Essentially a rewrite and expansion of the previous list given (Para 7 in old guidance).</p> <p>To note, this now acknowledges the opportunities for both local and national learning.</p> <p>Although it no longer says “to prevent domestic violence and homicide.”, it does say “better safeguard victims of domestic abuse”.</p> <p>It adds that reviews must be “victim-centred and conducted in a trauma-informed way.”</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2                                                               | Criteria and definitions for a DARDR | <p>Is clearer about the types of death within scope – “In practice, a DARDR must be considered in cases involving murder, manslaughter, suicide, neglect or deaths occurring in unexplained or unclear circumstances where the victim had experienced domestic abuse.” Para 2.2. There is further comment about non homicide cases at 2a.</p> <p>It adds that the Home Office thinks it will not be possible for every case to progress to a full DARDR.</p> <p>Introduces the requirement that, in all cases, an initial Scoping Review must be undertaken to determine whether a full DARDR should be commissioned.</p> <p>A range of factors, but not limited to this range, is proposed for CSPs to consider in their decision making on whether a review should be commissioned, Para 2.4.</p> <p>Notes that, while a DARDR needs to identify both a victim and a suspected perpetrator(s) of domestic abuse, or a contextual basis for domestic abuse, in order for a review to be commissioned, a DARDR may proceed even where no perpetrator has been identified by law enforcement agencies, Para 2.6.</p> <p>Section 8A (1) of The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, as amended by the Victim and Prisoners Act 2024, is included (pg 11).</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Act 2021 definition of domestic abuse is included (pg 12).</p> <p>It adds words about the importance of conducting DARDRs of suicides or deaths in unexplained or unclear circumstances, because that adds to the evidence base and improves understanding of risk factors, Para 2.7.</p> |

| SECTION 2: CONDUCTING A DARDR |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Pg 14.                        | Figure 1: DARDR process map           | As stated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3                             | Notification of a death to the CSP    | <p>Largely the same information, summarised more briefly.</p> <p>The previous guidance stated that ‘any professional or agency’ could refer a case to a CSP. The new guidance retains that breadth and identifies family or friends of the deceased as potential referrers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4                             | Scoping Review process                | <p>A new stage in the DARDR process. Sets out the purpose of and approach to undertaking a scoping review.</p> <p>These are required for all cases referred to the CSP. Can be a desk top exercise, or via a panel convened for this purpose, or by “existing decision-making structures”, Para 4.1.</p> <p>Makes clear that this process cannot replace the DARDR process.</p> <p>Families should be notified of the scoping review and their views on whether a DARDR should be commissioned, should be sought. Independent specialist advocacy should be offered to the family at the earliest opportunity, Para 4.4.</p> <p><u>Purpose of scoping exercise is to, Para 4.2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess whether a full DARDR is required, or whether another type of review is required</li> <li>• Identify likely scope and parameters of the review required</li> <li>• Capture early learning (whether or not a full DARDR progresses)</li> </ul> |
| 4a                            | Conducting the Scoping Review Process | <p>A template is provided for the scoping review (Annex C).</p> <p>Each Scoping Review must include, Para 4.7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a concise summary of events that led up to the death;</li> <li>• a summary of agency interaction (if any) with the victim and perpetrator;</li> <li>• key emerging learning and themes identified;</li> <li>• an action plan, outlining any immediate or short-term improvements required;</li> <li>• the views of family and/or friends;</li> <li>• a decision on whether a DARDR will be commissioned, and clear rationale if not;</li> <li>• whether a DARDR will be commissioned but must be paused due to ongoing criminal proceedings.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|        |                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for historic cases, CSPs should consider whether potential learning may be limited by changes in organisational structures, local practice, or legislation since the death occurred.</li> </ul> <p>Following the scoping review, the CSP determines if a DARDR is commissioned. The CSP must email the Home Office to tell them a DARDR is being initiated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4b     | Decisions not to conduct a DARDR         | <p>New content</p> <p>If the CSP decides not to conduct a DARDR, the completed scoping review must be submitted to the Home Office and it must contain a rationale for this decision, Paras 4.10/4.11.</p> <p>Para 4.12 notes - “CSPs may decide not to proceed where <b>both</b> of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was little or no agency involvement with either the victim or the perpetrator;</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family members, friends or the wider community have limited or no knowledge or awareness of domestic abuse having occurred.”</li> </ul> <p>This supports the position that family members should be spoken to inform the CSP’s decision making.</p> <p>Families should not be informed that a review will not be conducted until formal feedback is received from the QA Board, Para 4.15.</p> <p>The QA board will review a decision not to undertake a review and aims to notify the CSP within 8 weeks whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘It agrees with the decision, or</li> <li>It recommends that a full DARDR should be conducted</li> </ul> <p>Disagreement between the Home Office and the CSP can be escalated to the Home Secretary who has the power to direct a DARDR is undertaken.</p> |
| Pg 18. | Figure 2: Scoping Review process summary | Sets out the phases of the scoping review process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5      | Coordinating a DARDR at the local level  | “Once a Scoping Review has been completed and the decision to proceed with a DARDR has been made, the CSP should formally commission a DARDR as soon as possible”, Para 5.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5a.    | Convening a DARDR panel                  | <p>Deals with:</p> <p>Panel membership – same expectations in terms of statutory agencies but is explicit that panel membership should also include representation from the national or local VAWG specialist services, and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|     |                                                            | <p>expert representatives on marginalised groups from ‘by and for’ and specialist organisations who can represent the perspective of the victim and/or, where appropriate, the perpetrator.</p> <p>Independence of panel members – no change.</p> <p>New content is the expectations of panel members setting out their key responsibilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5b. | Appointing a Chair for the DARDR                           | <p>Deals with:</p> <p>Independence – essentially the same.</p> <p>Skills and expertise requirements – a more comprehensive list than previously.</p> <p><u>New additions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairs must have completed the DARDR Chair training</li> <li>• Reference to the register of qualified DARDR Chairs</li> <li>• Chairs are responsible for amending the report in line with feedback from the QA Board and be involved in the DARDR process until publication</li> <li>• Recommended that CSPs request that Chairs hold DBS clearance</li> <li>• That CSPs should ensure the Chair’s availability to undertake the review, to avoid delays</li> </ul> |
| 5c. | Cross border reviews                                       | <p>Deals with situations where more than one local authority area has had contact with and holds relevant information about the victim.</p> <p>Essentially the same, except that where a lead CSP cannot be determined due to the complexity of the case, “it is strongly advised that the relevant CSPs agree on the division of lead and shared responsibilities as part of the initial scoping process, to avoid any unnecessary delays and to ensure that learning is captured from all relevant agencies and geographical areas involved”.</p>                                                                                                                                            |
| 5d. | Reviews undertaken in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland | <p>New content – sets out the differences between review models in England, Wales, Scotland &amp; N. Ireland.</p> <p>Encourages cross border collaboration where a victim or perpetrator lived in more than one part of the UK.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6.  | Conducting the DARDR                                       | <p>“If a DARDR is anticipated to run in parallel to a criminal investigation or prosecution, the DARDR Chair should inform the police”, Para 6.2.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6a. | Scope of the DARDR and Terms of Reference                  | <p>The guidance proposes consideration of the following within the ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time periods under review</li> <li>• Agencies contributing an IMR</li> <li>• Contributions from agencies that had no contact</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|     |                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of MARAC, MAPPA or other arrangements where relevant</li> <li>• Terms of engagement with family, friends, networks</li> <li>• Public and media attention</li> <li>• Equality and diversity</li> <li>• Other reviews related to the same case</li> <li>• Other DARDRs in the same local authority area.</li> </ul> <p>This is a greatly reduced and a less prescriptive list of considerations. The previous guidance (Para 40) also included particular key lines of enquiry (KLOE) that the review could pursue.</p> <p>There is no reference to developing KLOE although the guidance does use this term several times elsewhere. Therefore, it is clear, that they are still expected to be developed.</p> <p>The need to be cautious of information sharing where there are criminal proceedings is referenced, Para 6.5.</p> <p>Consideration of briefing sessions or learning events is expected.</p> |
| 6b. | Additional evidence and research | <p>Deals with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMR reports</li> </ul> <p>Essentially the same. No longer referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agencies securing their records related to the case</li> <li>- guidance where staff or others are interviewed by the IMR author</li> <li>- requirement of independence (although this is flagged on the template)</li> <li>- requirement for a senior manager to QA the IMR</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews with family, friends and community members – Brief reference to potential contacts.</li> <li>• Voices of any children involved - New content offering guidance on children contributing to reviews.</li> <li>• Secondary research and evidence - To support findings and recommendations and with some examples given, including published research.</li> </ul>                                                                         |
| 7.  | Compiling the DARDR              | <p>Summarises considerations when drafting as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of analysis including that it “must consider whether different decisions or action could have led to a different course of events.”, Para 7.1. In the previous guidance (Page 37), it had said “It can consider whether different decisions or actions may have led to a different course of events.”. That is quite a difference and on one view, re-instates the requirement to make a finding</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|     |                                                | <p>on preventability as in the 2013 guidance. However, elsewhere in the new guidance, it uses the word “can” rather than “must”, Para 7.30 and Page 54.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight good practice</li> <li>• Review all information collated and summarise in a combined chronology</li> <li>• Analyse and identify key learning and recommendations</li> <li>• Ensure data collection and complete Data Capture Form (Annex H)</li> </ul> <p>CSP to complete Action Plan (Annex B).</p>                                                                                                                                             |
| 7a. | Trauma informed approach                       | <p>New content.</p> <p>Acknowledges the impact of trauma on the victim, family, friends and community, and also the secondary trauma experienced by panel members.</p> <p>Highlights the importance of understanding trauma to understand experiences and actions.</p> <p>Offers guidance on creating a psychologically safe environment for panel members.</p> <p>Notes the importance of using trauma informed language.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7b. | Victim centred approach                        | <p>New content.</p> <p>Offers guidance on adopting a victim centred approach. Some is presented as a requirement – ie: DARDR Chairs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “...ensure that family, friends and the community of the victim are treated as crucial and integral to the DARDR process;</li> <li>• not accept perpetrator narratives without challenge;</li> <li>• involve experts to better understand the victim’s experience; and</li> <li>• guard against victim blaming narratives”.</li> </ul> <p>Advice offered on pen portraits and challenging the agency narrative “the victim did not engage with services”, Para 7.10.</p> |
| 7c. | Involvement of family, friends and communities | <p>Largely, very similar content presented differently.</p> <p>New is reference to the requirement to undertake risk assessments and safety planning to safeguard family/friends, Para 7.17.</p> <p>There are ten clear requirements for the CSP and Chair for engaging family and friends throughout the DARDR process (Figure 3 and as a checklist (expanded from Figure 3) in Annex G). if any are not met, a justification must be provided.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|     |                                    | There is no longer a reference to the family choosing a pseudonym in this section, but Annex A infers that they should be agreed with the family.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7d. | Engagement with perpetrators       | New content offering guidance on engaging perpetrators in the review process.<br><br>Of many key messages, there is an important one as regards involvement of family and friends - before approaching a perpetrator, the Chair should “discuss their plans with the family and friends of the victim and take their views into consideration”, Para 7.23.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7e. | Cases without criminal proceedings | New content.<br><u>Notes the importance of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaising with police about any potential future criminal investigations</li> <li>• Linking family with advocacy support, as unlikely to have a FLO</li> <li>• Connecting with those responsible for the local suicide prevention strategy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7f. | Analysis                           | Some new content.<br><br>Offers guidance on analysis and highlights the importance of equality and diversity issues/protected characteristics and their impacts, as well as other vulnerabilities (eg, immigration status, socio-economic status).<br><br>Requires panel members and agencies to take “tangible actions to mitigate against any bias that may impact the conduct and outcome of the review”, Para 7.34.                                                                                        |
| 8.  | Parallel Reviews                   | Both new and similar content. Where similar, information has been brought together in this guidance.<br><br>Offers guidance on working with/alongside other reviews.<br><br><u>New is specific guidance given on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Homicide Reviews</li> <li>• Safeguarding Adult Reviews</li> <li>• Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews</li> <li>• Child Death Reviews</li> <li>• Serious Further Offence Reviews</li> <li>• MAPPA Serious Case Reviews.</li> </ul> |
| 9.  | Criminal investigations            | Largely, very similar content presented differently.<br><br><u>Deals with:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|     |                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectation to determine if there are criminal proceedings (and good practice to do so in scoping stage)</li> <li>• Decision to pause the DARDR</li> <li>• Conducting a DARDR alongside criminal proceedings</li> <li>• Disclosure.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9a  | Decision to pause the DARDR                       | <p>Some new content.</p> <p>Encourages close working with police, for example regarding proposed interviews.</p> <p>The family of the victim should be informed of the decision to delay the DARDR for criminal proceedings, at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Describes the preliminary work a Chair can do before the trial.</p> <p>Any appeals following the trial should not delay the submission of a DARDR to the Home Office for quality assurance.”, Para 9.8.</p> |
| 9b  | Conducting a DARDR alongside criminal proceedings | <p>If a DARDR is anticipated to run in parallel to a criminal investigation or prosecution, the DARDR Chair should inform the police. This will allow the police input into the DARDR Terms of Reference.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9c  | Disclosure                                        | <p>Some new content.</p> <p>Regarding suicide, the DARDR should consider if a criminal investigation has taken place and if relevant material reviewed during the DARDR has also been considered by the police, Para 9.13.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10. | Coronial Inquests                                 | <p>Offers more detailed and specific guidance on the interface between the DARDR and the inquest than previously.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11. | Overseas deaths                                   | <p>New content.</p> <p>States that “A DARDR may be conducted for a death of a British national, if the deceased was primarily resident and had previously experienced domestic abuse in England and Wales.”, Para 11.3.</p> <p>Describes the role of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12. | Anonymisation and data minimisation               | <p>Brings together and expands on previous guidance on anonymisation of DARDRs. States anonymisation requirements regarding the use of pseudonyms, exact dates, place names and age/sex of children.</p> <p>New information is that the CSP should make the decision regarding requests from families for real first names to be used, Para 12.1.1.</p>                                                                                                                      |

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|      |                                     | A new requirement is that, other than the Chair, the DARDR Panel members should <b>not</b> be named in the DARDR, only agency names given, to prevent unnecessary risk, Para 12.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13.  | Data protection                     | <p>The previous guidance focused mainly on expectations on the Department of Health.</p> <p><u>New content deals with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricted nature of draft reports</li> <li>• Lawful bases for processing personal data (three are cited)</li> <li>• Special category data</li> <li>• Health and social care information sharing expectations are set out</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
| 14.  | Home Office Quality Assurance Board | <p>New content.</p> <p>The QA Board arrangements replace the previous QA Panel (and have been in place since late 2025).</p> <p><u>Sets out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of QA Board</li> <li>• Criteria for publication</li> <li>• Possible outcomes of QA process</li> <li>• How the QA Board operates</li> </ul> <p>Notes pilot happening which negates the requirement for submission of SUSRs to the QA Board, with SUSRs instead being quality checked through Welsh Government.</p> |
| 14a  | Decisions not to conduct a DARDR    | <p>New content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QA Board reviews CSP decisions not to conduct a DARDR</li> <li>• Can be escalated to the Home Secretary if required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15.  | Publication                         | <p>Revised content to reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication requirements, including those needed for the DARDR Library</li> <li>• Who the DARDR should be sent to</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15a. | Decision not to publish a DARDR     | <p>New and revised content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deals with the process for requesting non-publication.</li> <li>• This notes that family and friends should be consulted on the proposal not to publish the DARDR.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 15b. | Amending a published DARDR          | <p>New content.</p> <p>Sets out expectations where new information may require the updating on a published DARDR.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 16.                                                          | Conducting a DARDR in Wales: The Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) | New content.<br>Explains what a SUSR is and what this means for DARDRs undertaken in Wales.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17.                                                          | Complaints                                                                 | New content.<br>Brief statement that complaints regarding a DARDR should be directed to the relevant CSP or local authority overseeing the review.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| SECTION 3 – MAKING LEARNING COUNT – PREVENTING FUTURE DEATHS |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 18.                                                          | National and local oversight and implementation of learning                | Some new content.<br>In addition to referencing the importance of action plans for local implementation (also referenced in previous guidance), the process for managing national recommendations is set out.<br>The oversight mechanism is referenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19.                                                          | Roles of agencies in identifying and implementing learning                 | New content.<br><u>The roles and expectations of the following are set out:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DARDR Chairs</li> <li>• CSPs</li> <li>• PCCS</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse Commissioner</li> <li>• Home Office</li> <li>• Child Protection Authority (in development)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DARDR TOOLKIT                                                |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Pg 53.                                                       | Annex A: DARDR Template                                                    | A revised template for the DARDR Overview report. Some changes to structure and content.<br><u>New additions include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pen portrait of victim</li> <li>• DARDR Chair and CSP condolences</li> <li>• Executive summary (included as part of overview report) and limited to 2 to 4 pages</li> <li>• Anonymity including efforts made to protect privacy of contributors, added to confidentiality statement</li> <li>• Scoping review (as an annex)</li> </ul> |

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|        |                                                          | <p><u>The following have been moved to annexes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timescales</li> <li>• Contributors to the DARDR</li> <li>• The DARDR panel members</li> <li>• DARDR author</li> <li>• Parallel reviews</li> </ul> <p><u>No longer included as named sections (but note that Annex J includes all of these).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodology</li> <li>• Equality and diversity – although these are referred to within Analysis</li> <li>• Involvement of family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours and wider community.</li> <li>• Dissemination</li> </ul> |
| Pg 57. | Annex B: Action Plan Template and Guidance               | <p>Similar to the previous template except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome that action will achieve in separate column (used to be with Completion date)</li> <li>• Overall RAG</li> <li>• Progress</li> <li>• Was outcome achieved?</li> </ul> <p>Action plan guidance is also provided including that “...the CSP should agree future points that they will update family/friends on the implementation of the DARDR Action Plan.”</p>                                                                                                                                                           |
| Pg 59. | Annex C: Scoping Review Template                         | A new template for completion when undertaking the scoping review.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Pg 60. | Annex D: IMR Report Template                             | <p>Essentially the same as the previous template but structured differently.</p> <p><u>No longer included as named sections:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodology</li> <li>• Details of parallel reviews/processes</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Pg 61. | Annex E: Quality Assurance Board DARDR Feedback Template | The template completed by the QA Board for each DARDR reviewed is provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pg 64. | Annex F: Equality and Diversity Toolkit                  | <p>A new resource.</p> <p>Sets out the nine protected characteristics and offers some data related to each of these.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Pg 68.                     | Annex G: Involvement of family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours and wider community toolkit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | A new form to complete requiring information about if and how family, friends etc. were engaged with the review.<br><br>The guidance does not explicitly state that Annex G should be submitted to the Home Office                                                                                       |
| Pg 69.                     | Annex H: DARDR Data Capture Form                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Comprehensive data collection form.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Pg 79.                     | Annex I: DARDR Home Office Quality Assurance Board Terms of Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | New information setting out how the QA Board operates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Pg 84.                     | Annex J: DARDR Submission Checklist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | A new resource.<br><br>A checklist provided to assist DARDR Panels and CSPs in their statutory sign off duties with the aim of reducing the need for the DARDR to be resubmitted due to missing information.<br><br>Note the requirements for proofreading and a double check on tone used in the DARDR. |
| Pg 90.                     | Annex K: Glossary of Key Contacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Provides useful contact details for a range of statutory and voluntary sector contacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pg 91.                     | Annex L: Glossary of Abbreviations & Acronyms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | As stated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| GENERAL OTHER OBSERVATIONS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                            | <p>Some aspects from the previous guidance which appear to have been either dropped or incorporated into other sections (i.e. no longer standalone parts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circumstances of particular concern (Para 27).</li> <li>• Timescales for conducting a DHR (Section 5).</li> <li>• Circumstances where the perpetrator is deceased (para 97).</li> <li>• Executive summary template (as now included in overview report).</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |