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Dear Dr. Mullett and Professor Stewart,

I am writing to support your ESRC research proposal "Understanding Domestic Abuse", which is to be submitted to the secondary data analysis initiative.

We strongly believe that this research proposal will assist our understanding of domestic abuse, and enable us to use an evidence based approach to address this problem, and translate key findings into practice.

Domestic abuse is a priority for West Midlands Police, driven by the national agenda which is led by our Deputy Chief Constable, Louisa Rolfe. DCC Rolfe led the UK police response to HMIC's report Everyone's Business – which focused on improving the response to domestic abuse survivors – urging forces to prioritise domestic abuse and securing substantial improvements across the service.

Our support for this proposal reflects its value to policing and our confidence in the research team, who we have worked with on numerous research projects over the years. Ongoing projects include improving risk assessment in custody and understanding the causes of disproportionate stop and search. The research team already hold the required fields from the West Midlands Police crimes and incidents data from 2010, in an appropriate secure environment, with appropriate vetting in place.

We anticipate integrating evidence from this research into the way we police domestic abuse, with possible mechanisms including the THRIVE+ and DARA risk assessment tools, our initial response to reports of domestic abuse, and our mechanisms for reaching victims of abuse.

Yours sincerely,

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Inspector 9212 Jenny Richards

