

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR EXPLORING SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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### Setting the scene, eg:

- ‘how are things at home?’
- ‘I am concerned that we have already seen you in A&E three times this year . . and it is important that I ask about your safety’
- I am concerned that this injury seems to be more severe than I would expect from tripping...
- ‘it is good that you have asked for emergency contraception . . can I just ask whether the sex that happened was with your consent?’
- ‘are you safe to go home?’

### HARK questions\*

- **H HUMILIATION**

Within the last year, have you ever been humiliated or emotionally abused in other ways by your partner or ex-partner?

- **A AFRAID**

Within the last year, have you been afraid of your partner or ex-partner?

- **R RAPE**

Within the last year have you been raped or forced to have any kind of sexual activity by your partner or ex-partner?

- **K KICK**

Within the last year, have you been kicked, hit slapped or otherwise physically hurt by your partner or ex-partner

**\*(screening questions developed for use in general practice (Sohal, 2011)**