

Asking questions to help you to find out more about risk:

"It sounds like your behaviour can be frightening; does your partner say she is frightened of you?"

"How are the children affected?"

"Have the police ever been called to the house because of your behaviour?"

"Are you aware of any patterns – is the abuse getting worse or more frequent?"

"How do you think alcohol or drugs affect your behaviour?"

"What worries you most about your behaviour?"

"Do you feel unhappy about your partner seeing friends or family - do you ever try to stop her?"

"Have you assaulted your partner in front of the children?"

"Have you ever assaulted or threatened your partner with a knife or other weapon?"

"Did/has your behaviour changed towards your partner during pregnancy?"

"What has been the worst occasion of violence?"

"Have you ever grabbed your partner by the throat?"

"Do you feel that your behaviour has got worse?"

"How do you feel about your behaviour? What effect has it had on you?"

"What effect has your behaviour had on your partner/children?"

REMEMBER – you will learn useful information for risk management even if the client is minimising or denying – this in itself tells you that he is not taking responsibility for managing this risk.