**Appendix 3: Clarification questions for a victim**

Victims are usually too afraid or uncomfortable to raise the issue of abuse themselves. So be

prepared to ask sensitively, but directly:

• Can you tell me what’s been happening?

• You seem upset, is everything all right at home?

• Are you frightened of someone / something?

• Did someone hurt you?

• Did you get those injuries by being hit?

• Are you in a relationship in which you have been physically hurt or threatened by your

partner?

• Have you ever been in such a relationship?

• Do you ever feel frightened by your partner or other people at home?

• Are you (or have you ever been) in a relationship in which you felt you were badly

treated? In what ways?

• Has your partner destroyed things that you care about?

• Has your partner ever threatened to harm your family? Do you believe that he would?

• What happens when you and your partner disagree?

• Has your partner ever prevented you from leaving the house, seeing friends, getting a job

or continuing in education?

• Does your partner restrict your access to money or access your Child Benefit or

allowances?

• Has your partner ever hit, punched, pushed, shoved or slapped you?

• Has your partner ever threatened you with a weapon?

• Does your partner use drugs or alcohol excessively? If so, how does he behave at this

time?

• Do you ever feel you have to walk on eggshells around your partner?

• Have the police ever been involved?

• Have you ever been physically hurt in any way when you were pregnant?

• Has your partner ever threatened to harm the children? Or to take them away from you