**Enabling Disclosure - Asking Domestic Abuse Framing Questions**

“Frame” the question so that the subject is not suddenly introduced. This provides a safe talking space to facilitate disclosure and discussion. Framing questions can be used with potential victims and perpetrators. On the phone, before going forward with the question, check that the interviewee is in a safe space and the perpetrator is not in the room or likely to overhear.

Examples of framing questions would be

*There are many families we work with where domestic violence or abuse might be happening or might have taken place. We always talk to people about this issue so we are aware of any concerns you may have ….*

*Domestic Abuse can exist in any family situation and it is important we have an understanding of any issues that might concern you ….*

*Children can be affected by what is happening or has happened in the family home and witnessing domestic abuse can have a negative impact in many ways…*

EIT guidance for initial risk assessment telephone calls gives further information