Patient asks for help with domestic violence and abuse (DVA)

Prompting conditions/symptoms/problems
- Anger problems (him/partner)
- Relationship conflict/recent separation
- Asking for couple counselling
- Unexplained injuries (esp. groin/face)
- Depression and/or suicidality
- Drug or alcohol problems
- Asking about partner’s symptoms on GP visit
- Asking for help for DVA

Follow up questions
- How do you feel about your relationship?
- Have there been any problems lately in your relationship with your partner?
- Have there been any frightening arguments?
- Has any physical violence been used? (e.g. hitting, slapping, kicking, shoving)
- Did you know that there are people who can help you (and your partner/children) if there is violence in your relationship, for men as well as women? I can tell you about these

Indirect indicators of DV in the absence of disclosure
- Patient fear of partner or of consequences of partner’s decisions about relationship
- Fear of what partner will say or do if they make certain decisions
- Responding to questions by asking for help even without explicit disclosure

Recode on HARK’s Sophie template
- If suspected always record DVA
- Record referrals

Refer to specialist service if...
- DVA disclosed
- Any other two indicators of DVA from Box 4 present

Referral Agency
- Respect phoneline: 0800 802 4040
  info@respectphoneline.org.uk
  www.respectphoneline.org.uk
  or
- Men’s advice line: 0808 801 0327
  info@mensadvicecline.org.uk
  www.mensadvicecline.org.uk