

“Nor does it need to take long. I recently referred an elderly woman to successful community intervention for a violent husband in the course of an 11-minute consultation.”

“People tell me that I come across quite confidently - not at all the type they would expect to tolerate abuse. But when I first met my boyfriend with his nice soft voice he didn't seem the type to inflict abuse either.”

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“So it's important to ask and ask in the right way. People trust nurses. And if you ask a woman in a genuine non-judgemental, sensitive manner they are more likely to disclose than they are to just voluntarily self-disclose without any questions. That can be the first step in saying you are actually a valuable person and you don't deserve this.”

“is what he is doing.”

“Nobody had ever put it in terms like that to me before. And I thought, ‘Yeah, that

“Often, too, I hear mums say, ‘The kids don't see it; they don't know it's happening.’ But when we talk to the children, we find many are aware of violence and are emotionally affected by it.”

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