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1 Introduction

1.1 BACKGROUND

British Crime Survey coverage

The British Crime Survey (BCS) is a large, nationally representative sample survey of the population resident in households in England and Wales. For the crime types and population it covers, the BCS can provide a better reflection of the extent of crime than police recorded statistics, because it includes crimes that are not reported to, or recorded by, the police. Figures on the prevalence of domestic violence based on face-to-face BCS interviews are regularly published ([Chaplin et al., 2011](#)) but the issue of willingness to disclose incidents in face-to-face interviews means that this crime type is particularly liable to under-coverage using this method.

As an alternative method of data collection to overcome non-disclosure, a self-completion module on intimate personal violence (IPV) has been included in the BCS on a comparable basis since 2004/05. This module is restricted to respondents aged 16 to 59 and asks about their experience of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking. Respondents enter their responses onto the interviewer's laptop themselves to allow for greater privacy when dealing with such sensitive questions. It is the questions in this self-completion module that are considered here.

The increased privacy afforded by this method leads to a greater level of disclosure by respondents and makes the BCS a particularly important source of information on domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking, which are all liable to under-reporting to the police. Figures from the BCS suggest that only 11 per cent of sexual assaults ([Smith et al., 2011](#)) and 16 per cent of incidents of partner abuse ([Smith et al., 2010](#)) are reported to the police.

The BCS does not cover the population permanently resident in group residences (e.g. care homes or halls of residence) or other institutions.

Review of questions

A review of the questions for measuring the prevalence of IPV was prompted by the extension of the BCS to cover 10 to 15 year olds in 2009. Anecdotal feedback from interviewers suggested that the position of the IPV questions at the end of the core adult survey, just before the interviewer seeks parental permission to carry out the child survey, may be leading to a higher than anticipated parental refusal rate ([Campbell-Hall et al., 2010](#)). Although the IPV module is not asked of those aged 10 to 15, it is possible that parents were concerned about their children being asked questions of a similarly sensitive nature. In addition, the explicit nature of some of the language used in the existing questions in the IPV module does lead to a small number of regular complaints from respondents.

TNS-BMRB were commissioned to carry out a review of the existing questions and to design and test an alternative set to address the above concerns. The research consisted of 20 interviews comprising a mix of cognitive and in-depth questions with respondents who had previously taken part in the survey. This found that in comparison with the current set of questions, the alternative version had a number of advantages, including a simpler layout and less explicit wording, which respondents said may have caused offence or distress ([Campbell-Hall et al., 2010](#)). Some further changes were made to the alternative question set as a result of this research.

The principal recommendation from TNS-BMRB was that a split-sample experiment be carried out in which one half of respondents selected at random were given the current IPV question set and one half were given the alternative set of questions. This experiment was carried out during the 2010/11 survey year, and results are presented here. For the rest of the report these are referred to as 'current' and 'alternative' question sets. A user consultation is launched alongside this publication for the Home Office to accept views on which set of questions to continue with (Appendix 1).

The existing IPV module also contains supplementary questions asked of victims about the nature of the incidents experienced. These alternate each year between questions on the nature of serious sexual assault and questions on partner abuse (partner abuse was in the 2010/11 survey). These questions were not included in this experiment. Victims all received the same supplementary questions, regardless of whether they had been routed to the current or alternative question sets.

1.2 MEASURING INTIMATE PERSONAL VIOLENCE

By its nature, the prevalence of IPV is difficult to measure. Under-reporting of these offence types is a known limitation with respect to incidents reported to the police. A number of different methods exist for measuring the extent and experience of victimisation through surveys (Walby and Myhill, 2001); however, these have their own limitations. Dedicated domestic violence and violence against women surveys have the advantage of focusing on these specific offence types, but such dedicated surveys are more expensive to run than more generic crime surveys in which such offences form just one part of a wider set of topics. However, while national crime surveys, such as the BCS, can include additional specialist modules at a relatively low cost interview length means that such topics cannot be explored in as much detail as in specialist surveys. As a pre-existing national sample survey, results from the BCS IPV module can be generalised to the population of England and Wales and therefore provide a robust national measure of victimisation. Experiments such as the one presented here provide a better understanding of the strengths and limitations of different methods of measuring IPV.

Previous attempts have been made to modify a national crime survey to improve measurement in this area. In 1993, questions about incidents of rape were reviewed in the US National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) as part of a wider survey redesign. In this process the NCVS moved from 'old' violent crime screener questions, which gave respondents a series of 'yes/no' questions to 'new' questions that asked respondents to choose events they had experienced from a list. Analysis of these two question sets showed that the 'new' questions produced higher victimisation rates than the 'old' questions ([Bachman and Saltzman, 1995](#); [Perkins et al., 1996](#)).

1.3 SPLIT-SAMPLE EXPERIMENT

For the split-sample experiment, BCS respondents were randomly assigned to receive either the current or alternative question set. Using this method, differences in rates can be judged using standard statistical tests to determine whether differences in prevalence between the two sets of questions are statistically significant. Such differences are likely to be due to differences in the questions themselves, rather than experience of victimisation, as there was no bias in the selection of respondents for either half of the sample (Table 1a). Of those who completed the IPV module in the 2010/11 BCS, 11,673 respondents received the current question set and 11,945 received the alternative set of questions.

Although cognitive testing was carried out on the questions prior to their inclusion in the survey ([Campbell-Hall et al., 2010](#)), a split-sample experiment has the further advantage of showing the effect of different questions on survey estimates, as well as providing evidence to decide which questions are preferred (Fowler, 2004).

Table 1a Sex and age profile of two sub-samples in IPV split-sample experiment, 2010/11 BCS

Percentages	2010/11 BCS	
	Current question set	Alternative question set
Male	50	50
Female	50	50
16-19	10	10
20-24	13	12
25-34	23	22
35-44	23	25
45-54	22	22
55-59	9	9
Mean age	37	37
<i>Unweighted base</i>	11,673	11,945

1. The self-completion module is only asked of respondents aged between 16 and 59.

Differences in questions

The descriptions of types of abuse that respondents are asked about were kept as consistent as possible between the current and alternative sets of questions, and the order in which each type of abuse is asked about was also retained.

In general, in the current question set respondents were presented with a list of behaviours that constitute abuse and asked to choose which, if any, they had experienced in the last year and since the age of 16. In the alternative question set, respondents were asked if they had experienced each of these behaviours in turn and asked to respond 'yes' or 'no'. The alternative question set was therefore simpler for respondents to answer as only a single response was needed and there was less information included in each question. This is preferable in self-completion questionnaires when respondents do not have an interviewer to help them understand the question.

A concern with the current question set was that some respondents may be offended by the explicit questions on serious sexual assault. To counter this, a screener question was included in the alternative question set meaning only those who said they had experienced serious sexual assault were asked the most explicit questions used to determine the nature of the offence. By reducing the number of respondents who were asked the most explicit questions in this way, the alternative question set reduced the potential for causing offence. Although victims were still asked these more explicit questions, the initial research for this project showed that victims tended to be less offended by this explicit wording than non-victims ([Campbell-Hall et al., 2010](#)).

However, the alternative question set necessarily meant that all respondents, including non-victims, had to answer more questions in total. To counteract the potential effect of this in increasing respondent burden, some response categories were omitted from the alternative question set. Sexual threats were removed from the questions on less serious sexual assault and interfering with or damaging personal property was omitted from the stalking questions. To ensure that results from the experiment were comparable between the two sets of questions, figures from the current question set published here exclude these offence categories from analysis.¹

¹ If the current question set is retained as a result of the user consultation (see Section 1.4) then these categories would be reinstated in the relevant measures of IPV.

A more in-depth discussion of the differences between the two sets of questions can be found in Appendix 2. The full current question set can be found in Appendix 3 and the alternative question set in Appendix 4.

Results from the current question set can be found in [Chaplin et al.](#) (2011) as headline data from the 2010/11 BCS. Some of the results from the current question set published in [Chaplin et al.](#) (2011) differ slightly from those presented here. This is because some categories of abuse have been coded differently in this publication to ensure results are comparable with the alternative question set (see above). The results published in [Chaplin et al.](#) (2011) were coded to be comparable with the current question set in previous years.

Table 1b Summary of differences between the current and alternative IPV questions, 2010/11 BCS

Current question set	Alternative question set
Respondents asked to choose all that apply from a list presented to them.	Respondents asked about each item in turn and asked to respond 'yes' or 'no'.
Multi-coded questions.	Single-coded questions.
Respondents asked directly about experiences of serious sexual assault.	Screening question included before questions on serious sexual assault.
Respondents asked a minimum of 5 questions, maximum of 38 questions.	Respondents asked a minimum of 10 questions, maximum of 76 questions.

1.4 USER CONSULTATION

The split sample will be retained in the BCS until March 2012, when it is intended that the entire sample will revert to being asked one set of questions – either the current or the alternative question set. The results presented here will form the basis of a twelve week public consultation, which will be used to decide which set of questions to proceed with from April 2012 onwards. The consultation process is launched alongside this publication (Appendix 1) and users' views are welcomed.

2 Results

2.1 SUMMARY

Analysis of the 2010/11 British Crime Survey (BCS) intimate personal violence (IPV) split-sample experiment showed that the alternative question set produced higher estimated prevalence rates across a range of categories of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking than the current question set. Together this led to higher estimates for the composite measures of any domestic abuse, any partner abuse and any family abuse. Although many of these differences were statistically significant, the overall picture of the extent of victimisation was similar between the two sets of questions. For example, the proportion of people who had been victims of any domestic abuse since the age of 16 was 23.3 per cent using the current question set and 24.8 per cent using the alternative question set (Figure 2.1 and Tables 1 and 2).

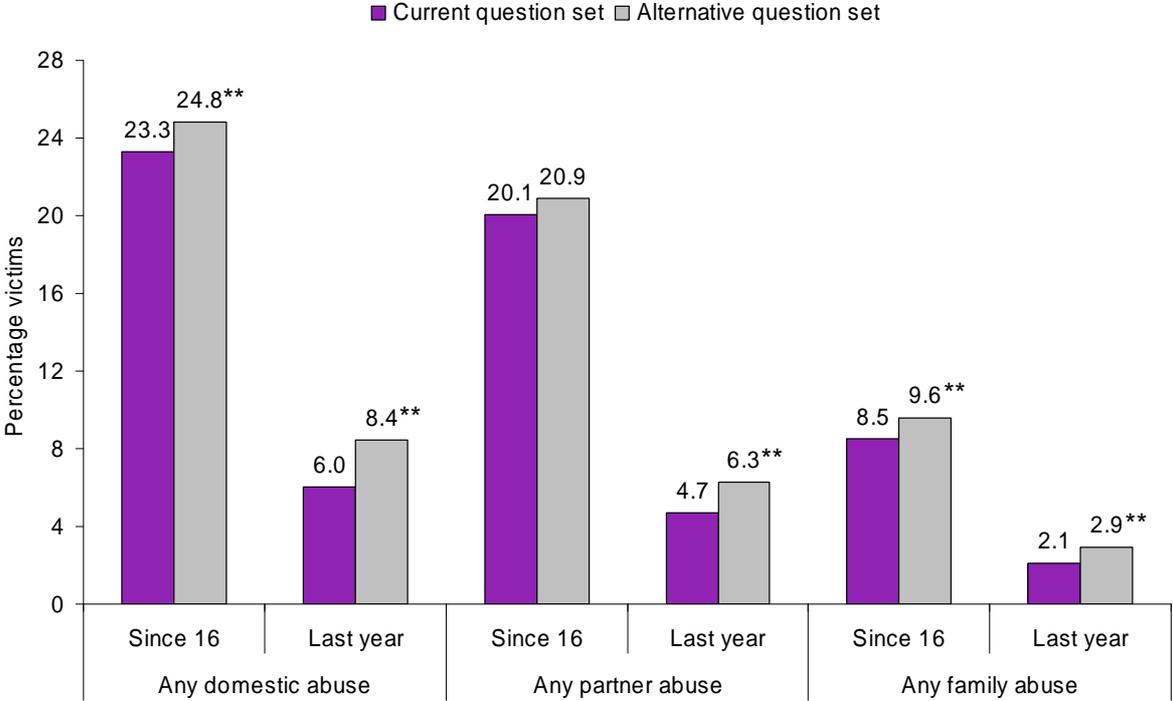
Given that there were minimal changes in question wording between the two question sets and no change in interview administration, these differences in estimates were most likely due to the different structure of the questions. Specifically, in the current question set respondents were presented with lists containing different types of abuse and asked to select any of those they had experienced. However, in the alternative question set, each option in the list was presented in turn and respondents were asked to respond 'yes' or 'no' to a question on whether they had experienced that type of abuse. It appears that this question structure led to respondents being more likely to report experience of victimisation. This may simply be a result of the more user friendly presentation, which reduces the risk that respondents fail to spot all the categories that apply to them when they are presented as part of a long list. Alternatively it may be that repeated questioning gives more opportunities for respondents to report victimisation.

Initially, this would appear contrary to results seen in the US National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS, see Section 1.2). The NCVS initially used single-code questions but changed to ask respondents to select their responses from a list presented to them and found that the list-based questions produced higher prevalence rates. However, the 'old' NCVS did not explicitly ask about rape or sexual assault; these were only recorded if the respondent volunteered such information. The 'new' NCVS included a question that specifically asked respondents if they had been a victim of rape or sexual assault. This change in itself would be expected to increase rates of rape estimated from the survey, and this effect may have masked the effect of the question design seen in the 2010/11 BCS, where single-coded questions produced generally higher prevalence rates.

In the BCS, although the alternative question set produced generally higher estimates of prevalence, it produced a lower estimate for serious sexual assault in the last year. The addition of a screener question appears to have had the effect of lowering the estimate for this type of abuse, which indicates reduced coverage of victimisation. Furthermore, this screener was designed to reduce the number of respondents asked the most explicit questions and thereby avoid the risk of parents refusing to allow their child to take part in the survey of 10 to 15 year olds. As the 10 to 15 year old response rate was no better for children of the respondents asked the alternative question set (see Section 2.5) there is not a strong argument for keeping the screener question. However, the screener does still retain the potential advantage of avoiding offending non-victims with explicitly worded questions.

The generally higher estimates produced by the alternative question set indicate greater coverage of victimisation, but there may also be an element of reporting of incidents that would not be considered IPV in these questions. By presenting experiences in isolation, the alternative structure removes some context around the questions, meaning that respondents are not as aware that they are being asked about abuse, and are reporting incidents that would not otherwise be considered as IPV. This may explain the very large difference between the two sets of questions in estimates of stalking (see Section 2.4), and this effect may also occur within other groups of questions as well. It may therefore be necessary to refine the question wording in order to minimise this effect.

Figure 2.1 Estimates of any domestic abuse, any partner abuse and any family abuse, 2010/11 BCS



1. ** indicates a statistically significant difference between the two sets of questions.

Overall, the alternative question set appeared to be an improvement on the current question set in terms of respondent experience. The feedback from piloting was that respondents found the alternative question set easier to answer. This was supported by analysis of a full year of data, as respondents took less time to complete each question in the alternative question set than in the current question set. However, no difference was found between the two question sets with regard to subsequent rates of parental refusal to the children’s survey. It would therefore appear beneficial to remove the screener questions on serious sexual assault if the alternative question set was to be continued. The major disadvantage of moving to the alternative question set is a discontinuity in the current time series, which has a comparable trend going back to 2004/05.

With regard to victimisation, the alternative question set generally produced higher estimates. It was difficult to assess which of the two estimates had more validity. On the one hand it appeared that some of the new questions encouraged higher levels of disclosure but it was also apparent that some questions may need refining to minimise the risk of reporting incidents that would not otherwise be considered IPV.

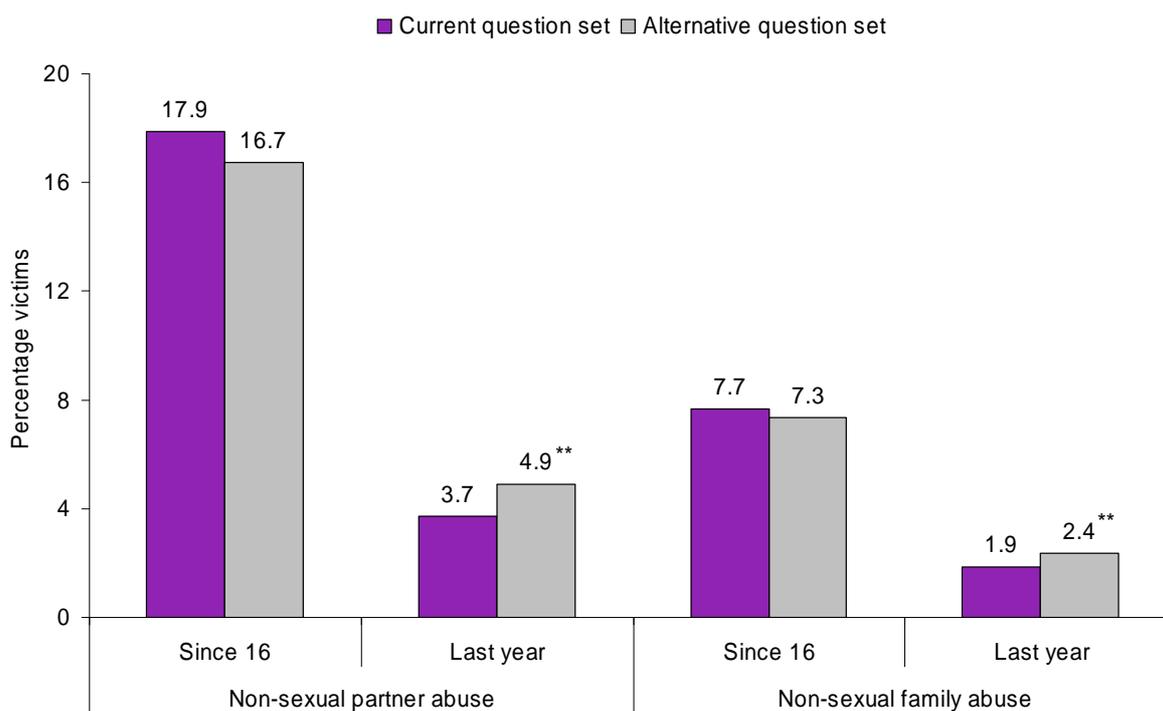
2.2 NON-SEXUAL PARTNER AND FAMILY ABUSE

In the measures of non-sexual abuse, the alternative question set produced statistically significantly higher estimates for the prevalence of non-sexual partner abuse (4.9% compared with 3.7%) and non-sexual family abuse (2.4% compared with 1.9%) experienced in the last year. There was no statistically significant difference between the two sets of questions in non-sexual abuse by either a partner or a family member since the age of 16 (Figure 2.2 and Tables 1 and 2).

Within this, there were other patterns present with individual components of non-sexual abuse. The alternative question set produced lower estimates for non-physical abuse since the age of 16; however, this was not the case for the same measure experienced in the last year. This inconsistency is perhaps indicative of the fact that the overall differences in prevalence between the two sets of questions were relatively small and therefore results for individual measures may vary from the results seen overall.

There is evidence within the categories of non-sexual abuse in the last year that the pattern of repeated questioning in the alternative question set may be responsible for the higher estimates produced. The most consistently higher estimates that the alternative question set produced were in the category of threats. When asked about threats as part of a list of options, as in the current question set, respondents may overlook these in favour of the more severe forms of abuse that they may have experienced. In the current question set, a respondent who was threatened and then hit may only select the option of being hit, as it was the most severe form of abuse. They would be more likely to choose both in the alternative question set, where they are asked about each individually. However, as only prevalence is measured in the IPV module, this would not affect the overall measures of non-sexual abuse or overall partner, family or domestic abuse. A respondent is classed as a victim of these if they have experienced one or more of the measures that make up the overall category.

Figure 2.2 Estimates of non-sexual partner and family abuse, 2010/11 BCS



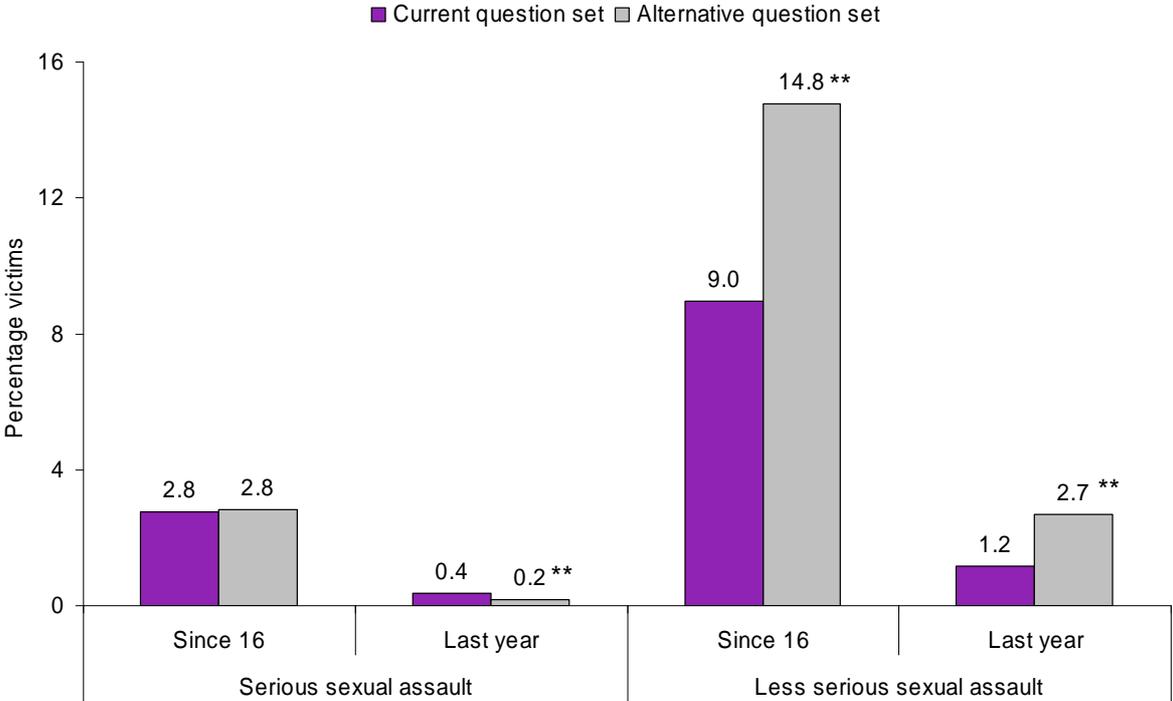
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2.3 SEXUAL ASSAULT

The difference in estimates between the two sets of questions was much greater for sexual assault than for non-sexual abuse. The alternative question set produced higher estimates for overall sexual assault both since the age of 16 (15.4% compared with 10.0%) and in the last year (2.8% compared with 1.4%; Tables 1 and 2).

Within the category of overall sexual assault, less serious sexual assaults make up the majority of victimisation. Therefore, differences in figures for overall sexual assault are largely dependent on changes in less serious sexual assault. Within this measure, the alternative question set produced much higher estimates of victimisation than the current question set, both since the age of 16 (14.8% compared with 9.0%) and in the last year (2.7% compared with 1.2%; Figure 2.3).

Figure 2.3 Estimates of sexual assault, 2010/11 BCS



1. ** indicates a statistically significant difference between the two sets of questions.

One reason for this difference in estimates may be due to question wording. The current question set asks about incidents causing ‘fear, alarm or distress’, which the alternative question set does not cover. It may be that the higher estimate from the alternative question set is due in part to respondents who have experienced indecent exposure or sexual touching that did not cause them fear, alarm or distress. Of the two measures of less serious sexual assault, the greatest difference was in indecent exposure, where it is possible that respondents had experienced this but did not feel fear, alarm or distress. In the current question set, the list of incidents may provide some context for respondents, which will allow them to judge the type of incidents that are being asked about. The discrete nature of the alternative question set may cause respondents to interpret them too literally and, for example, could cause them to report incidents of partners ‘flashing’ in a way that would not be considered indecent exposure. There seems to be a case, therefore, for revising these questions to ensure they are capturing only incidents that would be considered IPV.

The pattern was different for serious sexual assault (including attempts), in which there was no statistically significant difference in estimates between the two sets of questions in prevalence since the age of 16. However, the alternative question set produced lower estimates for last year victimisation (0.2% compared with 0.4%; Figure 2.3 and Tables 1 and 2), although this is based on a very small number of victims.

Previous research in this area has suggested that the use of a screener question in surveys on the prevalence of sexual assault, particularly rape, may limit the extent to which respondents report their experiences to the survey (Walby and Myhill, 2001). Cultural definitions of rape and sexual offences

may differ from legal definitions and therefore these types of incidents are best asked about in terms of the action that took place. This happens in the current question set and the alternative question set after the screener, but the screener question uses descriptions of 'sexual intercourse' and 'sex act', which may be interpreted differently by respondents. It is possible that this screener is the cause of the lower estimates for prevalence of serious sexual assault.

2.4 STALKING

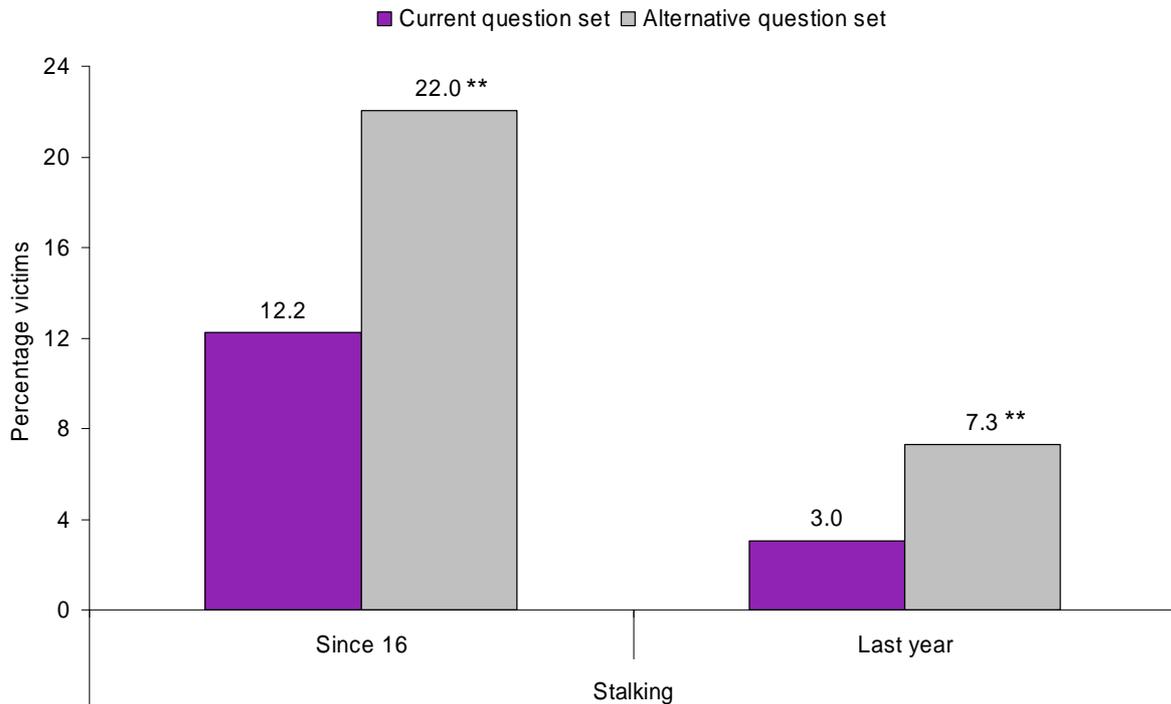
The greatest difference between the two sets of questions was seen in stalking. The prevalence rate for stalking in the last year using the current question set was 3.0 per cent compared with 7.3 per cent using the alternative question set. The measure of victimisation since the age of 16 was 12.2 per cent using the current question set compared with 22.0 per cent using the alternative question set (Figure 2.4 and Tables 1 and 2).

The stalking questions provide the best indication of the effect of the change in question structure within the module as the wording is almost identical between the two sets of questions. There are two main factors that may explain the higher estimates of stalking seen in the alternative question set. Firstly, it may be that the alternative question set provides greater coverage of victimisation; however, there is no known reference against which to judge this. It may also be the case that the higher rates are due to respondents disclosing incidents that would not be considered IPV. An example where this could occur is in one of the components of stalking, in which respondents are asked 'has anyone ever made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you?' It is possible that respondents may interpret the part of this question asking about 'nuisance or silent phone calls' to include telemarketing calls or similar, as this language is commonly used to describe these.

Although the wording is the same in both sets of questions, when sat directly alongside other behaviours constituting stalking in the current question set, respondents are given a context in which to answer the question and may be less likely to mention experiences that do not constitute stalking. Presented with this one option in isolation, as in the alternative question set, may lead respondents to answer more literally than they otherwise would and report experiences that would not be considered stalking – such as in the case of 'nuisance calls' above. This is a similar but more striking effect to what may have been taking place in the questions on less serious sexual assault. It is noticeable that this particular aspect of stalking showed the greatest difference between the two sets of questions, with the alternative question set producing a prevalence rate more than double that of the current question set, both for experience since the age of 16 (13.9% compared with 6.1%) and in the last year (3.6% compared with 1.1%; Tables 1 and 2).

While this effect is most obvious in stalking, it may take place in other measures of IPV. The alternative question set may therefore need further refinement to minimise this risk.

Figure 2.4 Estimates of stalking, 2010/11 BCS



1. ** indicates a statistically significant difference between the two sets of questions.

2.5 OTHER SURVEY EFFECTS

There was little difference between the two question sets outside estimates of victimisation. While in terms of question timing this does indicate that the alternative question set was easier for respondents to answer, there was no evidence of the anticipated higher response rate to the 10 to 15 year olds' survey for the alternative question set.

Help with questions

There was no statistically significant difference between respondents to the two question sets in how likely they were to ask the interviewer for help, or how likely they were to discuss their responses to the self-completion module with someone else. Five per cent of respondents answering the current question set required help for one or more questions, compared with four per cent of respondents answering the alternative question set. Nine per cent of respondents to the current question set had someone else look at or discuss the self-completion module compared with ten per cent of respondents to the alternative question set.

Questionnaire timing

Despite the fact that respondents to the alternative question set had to answer more questions than those answering the current question set, there was little difference in the time taken to complete the IPV module between the two groups. The average time taken to complete the IPV module containing the current question set was 3 minutes 49 seconds and for the alternative question set was 3 minutes 57 seconds. As expected, this time was longer for victims, with those answering the current question set taking an average of 9 minutes 51 seconds and those answering the alternative question set an average of 9 minutes 42 seconds.

The fact that timings varied little between the two sets of questions supports the findings from question piloting: that the alternative question set was easier for respondents to answer. Despite having more questions to answer in the alternative question set, respondents were able to answer each question more quickly. While ease of response is an advantage of the alternative question set, it may increase the possibility of incorrect reporting of incidents that do not constitute IPV, highlighted above, as the repetitive question structure could lead to respondents not fully reading the questions.

10 to 15 survey response rate

The decision to investigate alternative questions for the IPV module was initially prompted by the possible effect that the current question set was having on the response rate to the 10 to 15 year olds' survey. In fact, there was little difference between the two sets of questions in their effect on the 10 to 15 year olds' response rate. For households where a child was selected to take part in the 10 to 15 year olds' survey, where the adult had received the current question set, the corresponding child response rate was 66.8 per cent and for the alternative question set was 65.0 per cent.

The effect on the 10 to 15 survey response rate was the key reason for including a screener question on serious sexual assault in the alternative question set. Given that this does not seem to have had the effect of greatly increasing the response rate, and may have limited the coverage of serious sexual assault victimisation (above), there seems little reason to retain the screener question in future.

Table 1 Prevalence of intimate violence experienced since the age of 16 by category among adults aged 16 to 59

Percentages		England and Wales, 2010/11 BCS								
		Men			Women			All		
	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets	
% victims once or more										
Any domestic abuse (partner or family non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	16.8	17.4		29.7	32.3	**	23.3	24.8	**	
Any partner abuse (non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	13.8	13.7		26.4	28.1		20.1	20.9		
Any family abuse (non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	7.2	6.9		9.9	12.3	**	8.5	9.6	**	
Partner abuse (non-physical abuse, threats or force) – non-sexual	12.1	10.2	**	23.6	23.3		17.9	16.7		
Non-physical abuse (emotional, financial)	7.3	5.7	**	16.8	15.1	**	12.1	10.4	**	
Threats or force	7.3	7.3		17.8	19.5	**	12.6	13.3		
Threats	1.9	3.4	**	10.6	15.6	**	6.3	9.4	**	
Force	6.5	6.3		15.7	16.8		11.1	11.5		
Family abuse (non-physical abuse, threats or force) – non-sexual	6.7	5.6	**	8.7	9.1		7.7	7.3		
Non-physical abuse (emotional, financial)	3.8	2.6	**	5.4	5.2		4.6	3.9	**	
Threats or force	3.8	4.0		5.4	6.6	**	4.6	5.3	**	
Threats	1.4	2.2	**	3.0	4.5	**	2.2	3.4	**	
Force	3.2	3.4		4.1	4.8		3.7	4.1		
Any sexual assault (including attempts)	2.3	6.3	**	17.7	24.7	**	10.0	15.4	**	
Serious sexual assault including attempts	0.5	0.3		5.1	5.4		2.8	2.8		
Serious sexual assault excluding attempts	0.3	0.3		4.0	4.4		2.2	2.3		
Rape including attempts	0.4	0.3		4.5	5.0		2.4	2.6		
Rape excluding attempts	0.3	0.3		3.7	4.2		2.0	2.3		
Assault by penetration including attempts	0.1	0.0		1.8	1.2	**	0.9	0.6	**	
Assault by penetration excluding attempts	0.1	0.0		1.4	0.8	**	0.7	0.4	**	
Less serious sexual assault	2.0	6.1	**	16.0	23.5	**	9.0	14.8	**	
Indecent exposure	1.2	4.4	**	8.4	15.0	**	4.8	9.7	**	
Sexual touching	1.1	2.5	**	10.5	14.0	**	5.8	8.2	**	
Sexual assault by a family member	0.2	0.3		1.1	1.9	**	0.6	1.1	**	
Sexual assault by a partner	0.4	1.6	**	3.8	5.7	**	2.1	3.6	**	
Stalking	7.5	15.7	**	16.9	28.4	**	12.2	22.0	**	
Letters	4.2	6.1	**	7.9	11.9	**	6.0	9.0	**	
Phone calls	3.7	9.6	**	8.4	18.3	**	6.1	13.9	**	
Waiting	1.2	3.8	**	5.7	9.2	**	3.5	6.5	**	
Following	1.2	2.3	**	5.9	9.5	**	3.5	5.9	**	
Stalking by a family member	0.5	1.4	**	0.7	3.7	**	0.6	2.5	**	
Stalking by a partner	3.0	4.5	**	7.4	10.9	**	5.2	7.7	**	
<i>Unweighted base</i> ¹		5,040	5,106	6,123	6,119		11,163	11,225		

1. The bases given are for any domestic abuse; the bases for other measures presented will be similar.

Table 2 Prevalence of intimate violence experienced in the last year by category among adults aged 16 to 59

	England and Wales, 2010/11 BCS								
	Men			Women			All		
	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets	Current question set	Alternative question set	Statistically significant difference between question sets
	% victims once or more								
Any domestic abuse (partner or family non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	4.8	6.0	**	7.3	11.0	**	6.0	8.4	**
Any partner abuse (non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	3.7	4.3		5.7	8.3	**	4.7	6.3	**
Any family abuse (non-physical abuse, threats, force, sexual assault or stalking)	1.7	2.1		2.5	3.7	**	2.1	2.9	**
Partner abuse (non-physical abuse, threats or force) – non-sexual	2.8	3.1		4.6	6.7	**	3.7	4.9	**
Non-physical abuse (emotional, financial)	1.7	2.1		3.1	4.4	**	2.4	3.2	**
Threats or force	1.4	1.5		2.7	4.3	**	2.1	2.9	**
Threats	0.2	0.7	**	1.6	3.3	**	0.9	2.0	**
Force	1.3	1.1		2.1	2.8	**	1.7	2.0	
Family abuse (non-physical abuse, threats or force) – non-sexual	1.5	1.8		2.2	2.9	**	1.9	2.4	**
Non-physical abuse (emotional, financial)	0.8	1.1		1.5	1.7		1.2	1.4	
Threats or force	0.9	1.0		0.9	1.8	**	0.9	1.4	**
Threats	0.2	0.7	**	0.9	1.3	**	0.5	1.0	**
Force	0.8	0.6		0.5	1.2	**	0.6	0.9	**
Any sexual assault (including attempts)	0.4	1.9	**	2.4	3.9	**	1.4	2.8	**
Serious sexual assault including attempts	0.1	0.0		0.6	0.4		0.4	0.2	**
Serious sexual assault excluding attempts	0.1	0.0		0.5	0.2	**	0.3	0.1	**
Rape including attempts	0.1	0.0		0.5	0.3		0.3	0.2	
Rape excluding attempts	0.1	0.0		0.4	0.2		0.3	0.1	
Assault by penetration including attempts	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.2		0.1	0.1	
Assault by penetration excluding attempts	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.1		0.1	0.0	
Less serious sexual assault	0.4	1.9	**	2.0	3.6	**	1.2	2.7	**
Indecent exposure	0.2	1.4	**	0.5	1.5	**	0.3	1.5	**
Sexual touching	0.1	0.6	**	1.6	2.0	**	0.9	1.3	**
Sexual assault by a family member	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.2		0.1	0.1	
Sexual assault by a partner	0.1	0.5	**	0.6	0.4		0.3	0.5	
Stalking	2.4	5.2	**	3.7	9.6	**	3.0	7.3	**
Letters	1.5	1.7		2.2	3.9	**	1.9	2.8	**
Phone calls	0.8	2.7	**	1.3	4.4	**	1.1	3.6	**
Waiting	0.3	0.9	**	0.8	1.4	**	0.5	1.2	**
Following	0.2	0.4		1.0	1.6	**	0.6	1.0	**
Stalking by a family member	0.1	0.2		0.2	0.8	**	0.2	0.5	**
Stalking by a partner	1.1	0.8		1.6	2.4	**	1.4	1.5	
<i>Unweighted base</i> ¹	4,969	4,855		5,929	5,494		10,898	10,349	

1. The bases given are for any domestic abuse; the bases for other measures presented will be similar.

Appendix 1: Consultation on intimate personal violence questionnaire

This analysis has identified a number of key issues in the comparison between the current and alternative question sets in the British Crime Survey (BCS) intimate personal violence (IPV) module.

- The alternative question set produced generally higher estimates of IPV victimisation than the current question set, though it is difficult to conclude which of the two produced more valid results.
- The alternative question set produced lower estimates of serious sexual assault victimisation which may be due to the use of a screener question.
- There may be an element of reporting experiences that would not be considered IPV in the higher estimates from the alternative question set, particularly the stalking and less serious sexual assault questions.
- The alternative question set provides a better experience for respondents, being easier to answer.
- There is little difference between the two sets of questions in other survey effects, such as time taken to complete, asking for help and response rate to the 10 to 15 year old survey.

Alongside this publication, the Home Office is launching a public consultation on changes to the BCS IPV module from April 2012. Any change will also need to take into consideration the issue of how to treat trend data. The current question set has a continuous trend since 2004/05. These trend data are valuable in assessing changes in victimisation over time.

- Stalking was not included in the 2007/08 BCS IPV module, therefore current trend data do not include stalking in the overall measures of any domestic abuse, any partner abuse or any family abuse.
- Changing to the alternative question set would result in a break in this trend and direct comparisons of data before and after the break point would not be possible.
- By April 2012, there will be two years of split-sample data available. These data could be used to quantify the change in rates between the two question sets and provide an approximation for assessing changes over time across the break point. However, changing question wording further would limit the effectiveness of such an approach.

The Home Office is seeking any comments and views from users of these statistics on the following specific issues.

Choice of question set used for intimate personal violence module in future

Estimates from both the 'current' and 'alternative' question sets have been published here alongside analysis of the differences between the two sets of questions.

- Which of the question sets should be used in the BCS from April 2012 onwards?

Amendments to questions

Whichever question set is favoured going forwards, the analysis published here may indicate that further amendments to questions are needed in future.

- Specifically, if the alternative question set is favoured there is the issue of the inclusion of a filter question before the most explicit questions on serious sexual assault. This was intended to reduce offence to respondents, which may have impacted on the parental refusal rate to the BCS extension to 10 to 15 year olds. Given that the addition of a filter question to the most explicit questions in serious sexual assault has not resulted in a reduction in the parental refusal rate to the 10 to 15 year old survey, should this filter be retained?
- If the alternative question set is favoured then are further amendments needed to minimise the risk of reporting experiences that should not be classed as IPV? Should these be limited to the stalking questions, less serious sexual assault questions or to others?
- Are there any other amendments suggested for consideration in the module in future?

Publication of time-series data

If the alternative question set is used from April 2012 onwards, there are additional issues around the publication of time-series data.

- Is a full break in the BCS time series acceptable in exchange for the possibility of improved coverage of victimisation using the alternative question set?
- Should an attempt be made to adjust past estimates to make them comparable with estimates from the alternative question set using the split-sample data? Would this risk causing inaccurate comparisons to be made over time?

Responses to this consultation should be sent to the address below (by post or email) by 7 October 2011. Individual responses will be published unless respondents request anonymity. These will be published together with a statement setting out the future approach alongside *Supplementary Volume 2 to Crime in England and Wales 2010/11* in January 2012.

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Appendix 2: Question summary

Below is a summary of the differences between the current and alternative question sets. Question numbers highlighted in bold below match the relevant questions in the full set of questions, which can be found in Appendices 3 (current question set) and 4 (alternative question set).

Non-sexual abuse

In both the current and alternative question sets, respondents were asked whether they had experienced a set of behaviours carried out by a partner or by a family member both since the age of 16 and in the last year. These were broadly categorised into non-physical abuse, threats and force.

In the current question set, respondents were given a list of 11 behaviours and asked which, if any, they have experienced (e.g. **PV1A-PV1O**). In the alternative question set, respondents were asked three questions, one each on non-physical abuse, threats and force and respond 'yes' or 'no' each time to whether they have experienced each of the behaviours asked about (e.g. **NIPV1, NIPV3, NIPV5**).

As far as possible, the behaviours asked about have been kept as similar as possible between the two question sets. However, the alternative question set asks about having experienced force or threats in general, whereas the current question set asks about specific behaviours that constitute threats or force (although an option of 'used some other kind of force' is also available). It is therefore possible that respondents might interpret the definition of threats and force more widely in the alternative question set.²

Sexual assault

Questions on sexual assault are divided into two categories: 'less serious sexual assault' and 'serious sexual assault'. In the current question set, less serious sexual assault consists of indecent exposure, sexual touching and sexual threats, while serious sexual assault consists of rape and assault by penetration. To minimise respondent burden, the alternative question set does not include sexual threats in the category of less serious sexual assault.

The current questions on less serious sexual assault ask respondents to choose those behaviours they have experienced from a list of options (e.g. **PV5A-PV5F**). The alternative question set asks respondents to respond 'yes' or 'no' to questions on whether they have experienced each behaviour in turn (e.g. **NIPV17, NIPV23**).

There is also a change in how respondents are asked about their relationship to the offender. In the current question set, respondents are initially asked whether they have experienced any of the listed behaviours by anyone. Respondents are then asked to choose from a list of 14 different relationships those who carried out each of the specific behaviours experienced (e.g. **PV6A-PV6P**). In the alternative question set, respondents who say they have experienced each behaviour are then asked two further questions, with responses of 'yes' or 'no', on whether it was done by a partner or a family member (e.g. **NIPV18, NIPV19**).

The questions on serious sexual assault were the prime concern in terms of content with the current question set as a number of respondents found them to be very explicit. This was a source of complaint from respondents as well as a possible reason why adult respondents refused to let their children take part in the child survey.

In general, the questions on serious sexual assault followed the same pattern as those for less serious sexual assault in terms of the structure of the current and alternative question sets. This was the case

² In previous publications of results from the intimate personal violence (IPV) module, threats to kill or threats with a weapon have been included in the category of 'force' due to the severity of the threat. In the alternative question set it is not possible to distinguish between different types of threat. To ensure comparability between the splits, threats to kill and threats with a weapon from the current question set have been categorised as 'threats' in this publication.

for both the questions to determine overall prevalence and those to determine the victim-offender relationship (e.g. **PV13A-PV13I** compared with **NIPV35** and **PV14A-PV14P** compared with **NIPV36** and **NIPV37**). However, in the alternative question set there is a filter question, which means that only those who say they have experienced serious sexual assault are asked the most explicit questions used to determine the nature of the offence (e.g. **NIPV35** is used to filter **NIPV35A**).³ By reducing the number of respondents who are asked the most explicit questions in this way, the alternative question set reduces the potential for causing offence. In addition, although victims are still asked these more explicit questions, previous research on these questions showed that victims tend to be less offended by explicit wording than non-victims ([Campbell-Hall et al., 2010](#)).

As with questions on non-sexual abuse, it is possible that respondents could interpret the categories included in the alternative question set more widely than those in the current question set. However, for the most serious offences of rape and assault by penetration respondents are given the same categories to choose from to allow the maximum level of detail to be obtained about these offences. In the analysis presented here those respondents who said that they had only experienced 'some other sex act not described above' were categorised as non-victims to ensure that the category of serious sexual assault retained the same definition as in the current question set (this is not an option in the current question set).

Stalking

In the current question set, stalking consists of sending unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening, making a number of obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls, waiting or loitering outside the respondent's home or workplace, following the respondent around and watching him/her, and deliberately interfering with or damaging personal property. To limit respondent burden, the category of interfering with or damaging personal property was excluded from the alternative question set.

The current questions on stalking follow the same structure as those above. Respondents are given a list of behaviours and asked to select those that they have experienced (e.g. **PV27A-PV27H**) and then asked their relationship to the offender(s) for each behaviour selected (e.g. **PV28A-PV28P**). The alternative question set asks about each type of behaviour in turn (e.g. **NIPV53**) and then whether it was done by a partner or family member (e.g. **NIPV54, NIPV55**).

The two sets of questions are more similar for stalking than for the other offence types, with very little difference in wording between them. It is therefore likely that any change in estimates seen between these two sets of questions is due to the question structure, rather than differences in wording.

³ In the question sets analysed here, the detailed questions on serious sexual assault are only asked about assaults experienced by anyone. From April 2011, these questions have also been asked about serious sexual assaults by a partner and by a family member.

Appendix 3: Current question set

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL RESPONDENT IF NONRESP=1]

Please take a moment to read this screen. It contains important information about the questions you are about to be asked.

The next set of questions may seem very personal but it is very important that we ask them to help the Home Office and other agencies understand more about certain types of crime and how best to deal with them.

Please remember that all your answers are strictly confidential and your information will be grouped with others in a way that does not identify individuals.

If the questions upset you in any way you can either ask the interviewer for help or pass over the questions by pressing the 'Don't wish to answer' key. However, we hope you will continue to the end.

PLEASE PRESS THE KEY WITH THE RED STICKER TO MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION

**PV1A-
PV1O**

[ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Thinking about ANY relationships you have had since you were 16, has any PARTNER ever done any of the following things to you? By partner, we mean any boyfriend or girlfriend, as well as a husband or wife.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
2. Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
3. Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless
4. Frightened you, by threatening to hurt you or someone close to you
5. Pushed you, held you down or slapped you
6. Kicked, bit, or hit you with a fist or something else, or threw something at you
7. Choked or tried to strangle you
8. Threatened you with a weapon, for example a stick or a knife
9. Threatened to kill you
10. Used a weapon against you, for example a stick or a knife
11. Used some other kind of force against you
12. None of these
13. Have never had a partner / been in a relationship
14. Don't know/can't remember
15. Don't wish to answer

**PV2A-
PV2N**

[ASK IF ANY OF PV1 IN (1..11)]

And which, if any, of these things has a PARTNER done to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS, that is, since the first of [DATE]?

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
2. Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
3. Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless
4. Frightened you, by threatening to hurt you or someone close to you
5. Pushed you, held you down or slapped you
6. Kicked, bit, or hit you with a fist or something else, or threw something at you
7. Choked or tried to strangle you
8. Threatened you with a weapon, for example a stick or a knife
9. Threatened to kill you
10. Used a weapon against you, for example a stick or a knife
11. Used some other kind of force against you
12. None of these
13. Don't know/can't remember
14. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers given at PV1]

**PV3A-
PV3O**

[ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

I'd now like you to think about other family members [apart from your partner]. This might include your parents, your children, your brothers or sisters or any other relatives.

Since you were 16 has a family member OTHER THAN A PARTNER ever done any of the following things to you?

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
2. Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
3. Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless
4. Frightened you, by threatening to hurt you or someone close to you
5. Pushed you, held you down or slapped you
6. Kicked, bit, or hit you with a fist or something else, or threw something at you
7. Choked or tried to strangle you
8. Threatened you with a weapon, for example a stick or a knife
9. Threatened to kill you
10. Used a weapon against you, for example a stick or a knife
11. Used some other kind of force against you
12. Don't have any family members
13. None of these
14. Don't know/can't remember
15. Don't wish to answer

**PV4A-
PV4N**

[ASK IF ANY OF PV3 IN (1..11)]

And which, if any, of these things has a family member OTHER THAN A PARTNER done to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS, that is, since the first of [DATE]?

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
2. Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
3. Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless
4. Frightened you, by threatening to hurt you or someone close to you
5. Pushed you, held you down or slapped you
6. Kicked, bit, or hit you with a fist or something else, or threw something at you
7. Choked or tried to strangle you
8. Threatened you with a weapon, for example a stick or a knife
9. Threatened to kill you
10. Used a weapon against you, for example a stick or a knife
11. Used some other kind of force against you
12. None of these
13. Don't know/can't remember
14. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers given at PV3]

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

The next few questions are about sexual offences, which can affect both men and women. Although the questions may seem quite intrusive they are important in helping the Home Office to understand more about these types of crime. If the questions upset you in any way you can either ask the interviewer for help or pass over them by pressing 'Don't wish to answer'. However, we hope you will continue to the end.

Please remember that all your answers are strictly confidential and your information will be grouped with others in a way that does not identify individuals.

PLEASE PRESS THE KEY WITH THE RED STICKER TO MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION

**PV5A-
PV5F**

[ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16, has ANYONE ever caused you fear, alarm or distress by doing any of the following? This may have been a partner, a family member, someone you knew casually or a stranger.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing)
2. Touched you sexually when you did not want it (e.g. groping, touching of breasts or bottom, unwanted kissing)
3. Sexually threatened you (e.g. demanded sex when you did not want it, followed or cornered you in a sexually threatening way)
4. None of these
5. Don't know/ can't remember
6. Don't wish to answer

**PV6A-
PV6P**

[ASK IF PV5=1]

Please think about who has indecently exposed themselves to you since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or /school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV7A-
PV7P**

[ASK IF PV5=2]

Please think about who has touched you sexually when you did not want it since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV8A-
PV8P**

[ASK IF PV5=3]

Please think about who has sexually threatened you since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV9A-
PV9F**

[ASK IF ANY OF PV5 IN (1..3)]

And which, if any, of these things has someone done to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS, that is, since the first of [DATE] that caused you fear, alarm or distress?

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing)
2. Touched you sexually when you did not want it (e.g. groping, touching of breasts or bottom, unwanted kissing)
3. Sexually threatened you (e.g. demanded sex when you did not want it, followed or cornered you in a sexually threatening way)
4. None of these
5. Don't know/ can't remember
6. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers mentioned at PV5]

**PV10A-
PV10P**

[ASK IF PV9=1 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV6]

Please think about who has indecently exposed themselves to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers mentioned at PV6]

**PV11A-
PV11P**

[ASK IF PV9=2 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV7]

Please think about who has touched you sexually when you did not want it in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV7]

**PV12A-
PV12P**

[ASK IF PV9=3 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV8]

Please think about who has sexually threatened you in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV8]

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

The next few questions are about serious sexual assaults, such as rape and indecent assault that can affect both men and women. Although the language used is very explicit and direct, this is because the Home Office needs to understand how common different types of serious sexual assault are and how best to deal with them.

Remember if the questions upset you in any way you can just pass by them by pressing 'Don't wish to answer'. However, we hope you will continue to the end.

PLEASE PRESS THE KEY WITH THE RED STICKER TO MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION

**PV13A-
PV13I**

[ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16, has ANYONE ever done any of the following things to you, when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent? This may have been a partner, a family member, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis, even if only slightly
2. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers) even if only slightly
3. Penetrated your mouth with their penis even if only slightly
4. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis, but did not succeed
5. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers) but did not succeed
6. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your mouth with their penis but did not succeed
7. None of these
8. Don't know/can't remember
9. Don't wish to answer

**PV14A-
PV14P**

[ASK IF PV13 = 1]

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your [vagina or] anus with their penis since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV15A-
PV15P**

[ASK IF PV13 = 2]

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your [vagina or] anus with an object since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV16A-
PV16P**

[ASK IF PV13 = 3]

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your mouth with their penis since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV17A-
PV17P**

[ASK IF PV13 = 4]

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your [vagina or] anus with their penis since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV18A-
PV18P**

[ASK IF PV13 = 5]

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your [vagina or] anus with an object since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV19A-
PV19P**

[ASK IF PV13=6]

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your mouth with their penis since you were 16 when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV20A-
PV20I**

[ASK IF ANY OF PV13 IN (1..6)]

And which, if any, of these things has someone done to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS, that is, since the first of [DATE] when you made it clear that you did not agree or when you were not capable of consent?

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with a penis, even if only slightly
2. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers) even if only slightly
3. Penetrated your mouth with a penis even if only slightly
4. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with a penis, but did not succeed
5. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers) but did not succeed
6. ATTEMPTED to penetrate your mouth with a penis but did not succeed
7. None of these
8. Don't know/can't remember
9. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers mentioned at PV13]

**PV21A-
PV21P**

[ASK IF PV20 = 1 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV14]

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your [vagina or] anus with their penis, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show answers mentioned at PV14]

**PV22A-
PV22P [ASK IF PV20 =2 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT
PV15]**

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your [vagina or] anus with an object, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV23A-
PV23P [ASK IF PV20 = 3 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED
AT PV16]**

Please think about anyone who has penetrated your mouth with their penis, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV16]

**PV24A-
PV24P** **[ASK IF PV20 = 4 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED
AT PV17]**

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your [vagina or] anus with their penis, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Show only codes mentioned at PV17]

**PV25A-
PV25P** **[ASK IF PV20=5 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED
AT PV18]**

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your [vagina or] anus with an object, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV18]

**PV26A-
PV26P [ASK IF PV20=6 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED
AT PV19]**

Please think about anyone who has attempted to penetrate your mouth with their penis, when you made it clear that you did not agree or were not capable of consent, in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV19]

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

People may sometimes be pestered or harassed, either by someone they know or a stranger. This person might do things like phoning or writing, following them or waiting outside their home or workplace.

**PV27A-
PV27H [ASK ALL MODULE A AND B RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]**

Since the age of 16, has ANYONE ever done any of the following things to you? This may have been a partner, a family member, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening
2. Made a number of obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you
3. Waited or loitered outside your home or workplace
4. Followed you around and watched you
5. Deliberately interfered with or damaged your personal property
6. None of these
7. Don't know/ can't remember
8. Don't wish to answer

**PV28A-
PV28P**

[ASK IF PV27=1]

Please think about anyone who has sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV29A-
PV29P**

[ASK IF PV27=2]

Please think about anyone who has made obscene, threatening or silent phone calls to you since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV30A-
PV30P**

[ASK IF PV27=3]

Please think about anyone who has waited or loitered outside your home or workplace since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV31A-
PV31P**

[ASK IF PV27=4]

Please think about anyone who has followed you around and watched you since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV32A-
PV32P**

[ASK IF PV27=5]

Please think about anyone who has deliberately interfered with or damaged your property since you were 16. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

**PV33A-
PV33H**

[ASK IF ANY OF PV27 IN (1..5)]

And has anyone done any of these things to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS, that is, since the first of [DATE]. This may have been a partner, a family member, someone you knew casually or a stranger.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening
2. Made a number of obscene, threatening or silent phone calls to you
3. Waited or loitered outside your home or workplace
4. Followed you around and watched you
5. Deliberately interfered with or damaged your personal property
6. None of these
7. Don't know/can't remember
8. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV27]

**PV34A-
PV34P**

[ASK IF PV33=1 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV28]

Please think about who has sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV28]

**PV35A-
PV35P**

[ASK IF PV33=2 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV29]

Please think about who has made a number of obscene, threatening or silent phone calls to you in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV29]

**PV36A-
PV36P** **[ASK IF PV33=3 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV30]**

Please think about who has waited or loitered outside your home or workplace in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV30]

**PV37A-
PV37P** **[ASK IF PV33=4 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV31]**

Please think about who has followed you around and watched you in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

[Only show codes mentioned at PV31]

**PV38A-
PV38P**

[ASK IF PV33=5 AND MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED AT PV32]

Please think about who has deliberately interfered with or damaged your property in the LAST 12 MONTHS. What was their relationship to you at the time it happened? If more than one person has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

YOU CAN CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER AT THIS QUESTION IF YOU WISH

1. Your husband or wife
2. Your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
3. Your ex-husband/wife
4. A previous partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
5. Your date
6. Your father/mother
7. Your step-father/mother
8. Another relative
9. Friend
10. Neighbour
11. An acquaintance (outside work or school/college/university)
12. Colleague/peer from work or school/college/university
13. Person in a position of trust or authority
14. A stranger
15. Don't know/can't remember
16. Don't wish to answer

Appendix 4: Alternative question set

NIPV1 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever done any of the things listed below?

By partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
- Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
- Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless

1. Yes
2. No
3. Never had a partner/been in a relationship
4. Don't know/can't remember
5. Don't wish to answer

NIPV2 [ASK IF NIPV1=1]

And has a **partner or ex-partner** done any of these things to you in the **last 12 months**?

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
- Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
- Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV3 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever frightened or threatened you in any way?

For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV4 [ASK IF NIPV3=1]

And has a **partner or ex-partner** frightened or threatened you in any way in the **last 12 months**?

For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV5 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever used force on you?

For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV6 [ASK IF NIPV5=1]

Have you ever been injured (even if only slightly) as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV7 [ASK IF NIPV5=1]

Has a partner or ex-partner used force on you in the last 12 months?

For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV8 [ASK IF NIPV7=1 AND NIPV6 =1]

And have you been injured (even if only slightly) in the **last 12 months** as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV9 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

I'd now like you to think about other **members of your family** [apart from your partner]. This might include your parents, your children, your brother or sisters or any other relatives.

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever done any of the things listed below?

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
- Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
- Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't have any family members
4. Don't know/can't remember
5. Don't wish to answer

NIPV10 [ASK IF NIPV9=1]

And has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) done any of these things to you in the **last 12 months**?

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
- Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
- Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV11 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16, has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever frightened or threatened you in any way?

For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV12 [ASK IF NIPV11=1]

And has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) frightened or threatened you in any way in the **last 12 months**?

For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV13 [ASK IF RESPONDENT AGED 16-59 AND NONRESP=1 AND MODULE A OR MODULE B AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever used force on you?

For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV14 [ASK IF NIPV13=1]

Have you ever been injured (even if only slightly) as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV15 [ASK IF NIPV13=1]

And has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) used force on you in any way in the **last 12 months**?

For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV16 [ASK IF NIPV15=1 AND NIPV14 =1]

And have you been injured (even if only slightly) in the **last 12 months** as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

The next few questions are about sexual offences, which can affect both men and women. Although the questions may seem quite intrusive they are important in helping the Home Office to understand more about these types of crime. If the questions upset you in any way you can either ask the interviewer for help or pass over them by pressing 'Don't wish to answer'. However, we hope you will continue to the end.

Please remember that all your answers are strictly confidential and your information will be grouped with others in a way that does not identify individuals.

PLEASE PRESS THE KEY WITH THE RED STICKER TO MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION

NIPV17 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16, has **anyone** ever indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing)?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV18 [ASK IF NIPV17=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing)?

Remember by a partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV19 [ASK IF NIPV17=1 AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing)?

Remember a family member might include your parents, your children, your brothers or sisters or any other relatives.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV20 [ASK IF NIPV17=1]

You said someone has indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing). Has **anyone** done this to you in the last 12 months?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV21 [ASK IF NIPV17=1 AND NIPV18=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing) in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV22 [ASK IF NIPV17=1 AND NIPV19=1]

Has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) indecently exposed themselves to you (i.e. flashing) in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV23 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16, has **anyone** ever touched you in a sexual way (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling), when you did not want it?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV24 [ASK IF NIPV23=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16, has a **partner or ex-partner** ever touched you in a sexual way (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling), when you did not want it?

Remember by a partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV25 [ASK IF NIPV23=1 AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16, has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever touched you in a sexual way (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling), when you did not want it?

Remember a family member might include your parents, your children, your brothers or sisters or any other relatives.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV26 [ASK IF NIPV23=1]

You said someone has touched you in a sexual way (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling), when you did not want it. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV27 [ASK IF NIPV23=1 AND NIPV24=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** touched you in a sexual way (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling) in the **last 12 months**, when you did not want it?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV28 [ASK IF NIPV23=1 AND NIPV25=1]

Has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) touched you in a sexual way, (e.g. touching, grabbing, kissing or fondling) in the **last 12 months**, when you did not want it?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

The next questions are about sexual assaults such as rape and attempted rape or being forced into some other sexual act when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to.

We will ask first about actual sexual assaults and then about attempted sexual assaults.

PLEASE PRESS THE KEY WITH THE RED STICKER TO MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION

NIPV35 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since you were 16, has **anyone** ever forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV35A [ASK IF NIPV35=1]

You said that someone has forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to. What did they do to you?

If this has happened more than once since you were 16, please select all those that apply.

We need this level of detail to allow us to classify the exact type of sexual assault experienced.

1. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis
2. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers)
3. Penetrated your mouth with their penis
4. Did some other sex act not described above
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

NIPV36 [ASK IF NIPV35=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16, has a **partner or ex-partner** ever forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

Remember by a partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV37 [ASK IF NIPV35=1 AND NIPV9 NE3]

Since you were 16, has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

Remember a family member might include your parents, your children, your brothers or sisters or any other relatives.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV38 [ASK IF NIPV35=1]

You said someone has forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV38A [ASK IF NIPV38=1]

You said that someone has forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to in the **last 12 months**. What did they do to you?

If this has happened to you more than once in the last 12 months, please select all those that apply.

We need this level of detail to allow us to classify the exact type of sexual assault experienced.

1. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis
2. Penetrated your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers)
3. Penetrated your mouth with their penis
4. Did some other sex act not described above
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

NIPV39 [ASK IF NIPV38=1 AND NIPV36=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act in the **last 12 months**, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV40 [ASK IF NIPV38=1 AND NIPV37=1]

Has a **member of your family** forced you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act in the **last 12 months**, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV47 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

[Apart from anything else you have already mentioned] since you were 16 has **anyone** ever **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV47A [ASK IF NIPV47=1]

You said that someone has **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to. What did they do to you?

If this has happened to you more than once since you were 16, please select all those that apply.

We need this level of detail to allow us to classify the exact type of sexual assault experienced.

1. Attempted to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis
2. Attempted to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers)
3. Attempted to penetrate your mouth with their penis
4. Attempted some other sex act not described above
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

NIPV48 [ASK IF NIPV47=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV49 [ASK IF NIPV47=1 AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV50 [ASK IF NIPV47=1]

You said someone has **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV50A [ASK IF NIPV50=1]

You said that someone has **attempted** to force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to in the **last 12 months**. What did they do to you?

If this has happened to you more than once in the last 12 months, please select all those that apply.

We need this level of detail to allow us to classify the exact type of sexual assault experienced.

1. Attempted to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with their penis
2. Attempted to penetrate your [vagina or anus/anus] with an object (including fingers)
3. Attempted to penetrate your mouth with their penis
4. Attempted some other sex act not described above
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

NIPV51 [ASK IF NIPV50=1 AND NIPV45=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner attempted to** force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act in the **last 12 months**, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV52 [ASK IF NIPV50=1 AND NIPV46=1]

Has a **member of your family attempted to** force you to have sexual intercourse or take part in some other sexual act in the **last 12 months**, when you were not capable of consent or when you made it clear you did not want to?

By sexual intercourse we mean vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

People may sometimes be pestered or harassed, either by someone they know or a stranger. This person might do things like phoning or writing, following them or waiting outside their home or workplace.

NIPV53 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16 has **anyone** ever sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV54 [ASK IF NIPV53=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV55 [ASK IF NIPV53=1 AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV56 [ASK IF NIPV53=1]

You said someone has sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV57 [ASK IF NIPV53=1 AND NIPV54=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV58 [ASK IF NIPV53=1 AND NIPV55=1]

Has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) sent you unwanted letters, emails, text messages or cards that were either obscene or threatening in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV59 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16 has **anyone** ever made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV60 [ASK IF NIPV59=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV61 [ASK IF NIPV59=1 AND NIPV9 NE 9]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV62 [ASK IF NIPV59=1]

You said someone has made obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

This may have been a partner, a family member, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV63 [ASK IF NIPV62=1 AND NIPV60=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV64 [ASK IF NIPV62=1 AND NIPV61=1]

Has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) made any obscene, threatening, nuisance or silent phone calls to you in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV65 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16 has **anyone** ever waited or loitered outside your home or workplace?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
5. Don't know/can't remember
6. Don't wish to answer

NIPV66 [ASK IF NIPV65=1 AND NIPV1 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever waited or loitered outside your home or workplace?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV67 [ASK IF NIPV65=1 AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever waited or loitered outside your home or workplace?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV68 [ASK IF NIPV65=1]

You said someone has waited or loitered outside your home or workplace. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV69 [ASK IF NIPV65=1 AND NIPV66=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** waited or loitered outside your home or workplace in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV70 [ASK IF NIPV65=1 AND NIPV67=1]

Has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) waited or loitered outside your home or workplace in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV71 [ASK ALL MODULE C AND D RESPONDENTS IF NONRESP=1]

Since the age of 16 has **anyone** ever followed you around and watched you?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV72 [ASK IF NIPV71=1]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever followed you around and watched you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV73 [ASK IF NIPV71=1]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever followed you around and watched you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV74 [ASK IF NIPV71=1]

You said someone has followed you around and watched you. Has **anyone** done this to you in the **last 12 months**?

This may have been a partner, a family member, a friend or work colleague, someone you knew casually, or a stranger.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV75 [ASK IF NIPV74=1 AND NIPV72=1]

Has a **partner or ex-partner** followed you around and watched you in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV76 [ASK IF NIPV74=1 AND NIPV73=1]

Has a **member of your family** followed you around and watched you in the **last 12 months**?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

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