Evidence of Domestic Violence

- 1 - 3 minor incidents of physical violence which were short in duration.
- Victim did not seek medical attention.
- Intense verbal abuse.

Risk factors/Potential vulnerabilities

- Children were not drawn into incidents.
- Control by abuser is not intense.

Protective factors

- Child/mother relationship is nurturing, protective and stable.
- Significant other in child's life - positive and nurturing relationship.
- Abuser accepts responsibility for abuse and victim.
- Abuser indicates genuine remorse and is willing to seek support for abusive behaviour.
- Abuser has positive support from family/friends.
- Abuser shows genuine empathy and understanding.

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