**Life story interview – indicative questions**

*The following questions are prompts, and will be used selectively to either prompt the interviewee, or return to the main topic, but may not be used in order or in full. Interviewees will participate in at least one and up to three interviews. Interview one will include questions from this list. A second interview will comprise the body mapping creative activity, then the participant sharing the narrative of their body map. Additional questions from this list will be used as prompts or to fill any remaining time. Third interviews will also draw from this list.*

Taken or adapted from *The Life Story Interview* (Atkinson, 1998).

* How would you describe your early life?
* How would you describe your life now?
* What is the ethnic or cultural background of your parents?
* What cultural values or beliefs were passed on to you?
* What were the most influential events on you in your adult life?
* How would you describe yourself?
* How has HIV shaped or influenced your life?
* Is a sense of community important to you?
* What is different or unique about your community?
* What social pressures have you experienced as an adult?
* What does intimacy mean to you?
* What was it like to turn 30? 40? 50? 60?
* What changes have you undergone since 40?
	+ - since 50?
		- beyond 60?
* How would you renew your strength, if you felt really drained?
* What values would you not want to compromise?
* Do you feel you are in control of your life?
* Do you feel you have inner strength? Where does that come from?
* What skills, knowledge and passions do you most value in yourself?
* How do you cope with challenges?
* Are you satisfied with the life choices you have made?
* What single experience has given you the greatest joy?
* When you think about the future, what makes you feel most uneasy?
* What gives you the most hope?
* Is your life fulfilled yet?
* What would you like to achieve so that your life will seem fulfilled?
* What do you see for yourself in the future?
	+ - In 5 years?
		- In 15 years?
		- In 25 years?
* What do you want most to experience during the rest of your life?