ASK RU®K?

or something like this:

"How are you going?"

No, I'm not OK.

Ask questions to help them open up:

"What's been going on?"

"How long has that been going on for?"

"I'm ready to listen if you want to talk."

Yes, I'm fine.

But you're concerned they're not:

"It's just that I've noticed some changes."

"I'm always here if you want to chat."

"Is there someone else you'd rather talk to?"

Listen with an open mind

Encourage action and offer support:

"How can I help?"

"What would help take the pressure off?"

"What do you enjoy doing? Making time for that can really help."
"Have you thought about seeing a professional?"

Make time to check in:

"Let's chat again next week."