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20,1; ESW; lives with ma and gran hols, 4 student friends termtime; Ma state enrolled [MEDICAL ROLE]; pa [INDUSTRIAL ROLE], no contact for a while; parents separated when she was 11 or 12; brother 3 years older, doing poly course [SUBJECTS REDACTED]; ambitious, feels she has escaped getting pregnant at 16 and living on chips and milk stout; no religion. Lots of sexual experimentation when young, but sexual intercourse only with two close boyfriends, one she is still with tho he is back home and sees him only once a month. Hetero, first intercourse 16. Sexually assaulted by [RELATIVE] (aged 15) when 7; lots of violence in the home, (pa beat ma up and she stayed with him for 17 years) and pa violent to her more recently when she went to see him post parents breakup.

Medium height, fairish hair wavy, nearly to shoulders but with curly fringe, wearing jeans, white sweat shirt, black boots, white anorak type coat. I took to this young woman straight away bcs she knew who both Sue and I were, had read some of my stuff on a course she took last year! I'm so used to everyone knowing Sue that I almost denied that she could know of me at first. She talked a lot so I did not need to ask much. Hope I covered everything. Sometimes I did not know which bits to pick up on. But there was a lot she wanted to talk about. Pa's violence to ma, his sexual double standard, the fact that when she was 11 she saw him attempting to have sex with two prostitutes; her own sexual assault by [RELATIVE]; her ma 'trying to find herself' which seemed to consist of going out to nightclubs and bringing men home; her mother's overdose, her own overdose. She feels she has suffered a lot, but come through it. She feels she is ambitious and that you can achieve when you try. She has a very good relationship with ma, but not with pa, tho she still feels a kind of loyalty to him would not betray him, turn him in for the bad things he has done, a feeling she could not really explain, apart from being family. Feels they are a close family, apart from pa.

She was a rebel and violent as a young teenager, due she felt to her problems at home. Led a gang, stole, got arrested (I think for damaging property) always had a social worker. Expelled from school at about the same time parents broke up and ma and she moved to new home. Changed at this point, decided she could not go on as she was. Although she always remains a bit of a rebel, and non conventional in her view. She was a bit ambivalent about whether or not she talked about all of this (early experience). She said had only been able to talk to ma and the two boyfriends re all that had happened to her, but always kept back 10% for herself. But then said she did talk a lot to people, maybe too much, and not embarrassed to talk about these issues. So I don't know. Did talk very freely about sexual activities. Had when young, 9 yrs onward as I understand it, had lots of boyfriends and experimented sexually, but not intercourse. Her first bf was similar to the second in that he gave her stability and support, but she regarded him as a sexual pervert, always masturbating, and always wanting to use kitchen implements in unusual ways in their sexual activity. I think she found the experimentation a little cold and empty at a certain point (with him) just kids trying things out, not enough feeling for her. They grew apart. For the last year of their relationship they were friends, did not have sexual intercourse. Still cuddled I think I recall.

She does regard sexual intercourse as the ultimate aim of sex, and the closest that two people can get, but also enjoys all the other stuff. Thinks first bf had really high sex drive, but she and current bf more matched. He was a virgin when they first made love (her term, not sex) and first bf only had one girl who she knew. So not worried re AIDS with either of them. Was worried re pregnancy, totally determined not to get pregnant, tho may like a child when she is 26 or so if still with current bf. Refers to him as her fiancé, so they may be engaged, must be I guess. Does not think marriage is important, but would live with someone, specially current guy. Wants to give a child stability, no

violence, all the things she did not have. Gave a really good description of the first time she found she really liked oral sex being practised on her. Had not had an orgasm from intercourse, in fact I still think she has not, but has from all the other activities, especially oral sex which she likes a lot. Can't abide anal sex, one thing she has steered clear from despite all the experimentation. Doesn't like her bottom touched or looked at all in fact. Said she must have missed out on Freud's anal phase, skipped straight onto genital, never even got pleasure out of shits. Also very entertaining on condoms. Thinks they are essential for safe sex re AIDS, and would have no trouble insisting on their use, but does not like them, thinks most people don't, wishes there was another way. Described hilariously how they break the flow of things. Also the only 4 times she used them (when worried re pregnancy bcs some problem with pill taking) they either came off or split.

Felt she used to be prejudiced re blacks, lesbians, homosexuals, but now some of her best friends belong to these categories and she thinks they are fine people and has changed all her former views. Also proseletyses (Surely some spelling mistake ed. [PROSTITUTES?]) these changed views, specially I think to her bf who is [SKILLED TRADE]. (as was her first bf I think). Holds a lot of feminist views, double standard, men run the show, lot of awareness of inequality issues, but would not call herself feminist.

Sex ed at home (from ma) very good, told her anything she wanted to know, also blue videos at home, nothing from pa who carried the double standard right through, would not let her bring boyfriends home. School pathetic, usual mechanistic stuff.