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Q. ... so have you talked to any of the others who I've been talking to at all?

A. No.

Q. What - I'm doing a piece of research where I'm trying to find out how young women think and feel about relationships, about the relationships that they have or that they might have, and I was wondering how you feel about relationships. What's the most important relationship to you?

A. Concerning everybody?

Q. Everybody, yeah.

A. Well it's alright, it just depends who it is I think, like, you feel different when it's family and you feel different like if it's a boyfriend or something.

Q. That's right, so you got - different relationships are important, not just one particular type. Have you got a relationship at the moment? How do you feel about that?

A. It's alright. A bit difficult though, 'cos he lives quite far away.

Q. Where does he live?

A. THE CARIBBEAN.

Q. THE CARIBBEAN, oh that's quite - but do you see him often?

A. 'Cos I went to THE CARIBBEAN for five weeks, came back, thought it was good. He's coming over soon and I'm going next year.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Two years.

Q. And how did you meet?

A. When I went over there for a holiday.

Q. So it's like a sort of long-distance relationship, very long distance. And - but he comes over here quite frequently too?

A. Well he hasn't been over here yet -

Q. But he will-

A. Yeah.

Q. How long's he gonna stay when he comes?

A. Five or six weeks.

Q. So how do you find that, I mean how is it having this kind of long-distance relationship?

A. Well, it's alright because we don't make any ties on each other, you know, just wanna... each other and just wanna be friends really. You know, if it happens we'll just make a clean break. We decided that in the beginning.

Q. Is it a relationship which includes sex?

A. No.

Q. It's a friendship relationship.

A. Yeah.

Q. What kinds of things do you do?

A. We talk - well, when I went over there this year it was a carnival, so he took me out to carnival, to parties, discos, things like that, restaurants, he took me into CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, we went on the beach and all that.

Q. Yeah. You had a good time?

A. Mm.

Q. It sounds like the ideal relationship. So how do you - do you have many - any boyfriends here or -

A. No, not any boyfriends, but I've got a lot of boy full-stop friends full-stop.

Q. That's right, yes, that's what I was thinking.

A. I know a lot of boys to talk to or that but no real special relationship, just friends.

Q. Yeah. Is this the first relationship that you've had that you've thought a bit more, a more special relationship?

A. Yeah, the first man....

Q. And how do you feel about sex, do you think it's not a part of that relationship, but do you think it will become a part of it?

A. Probably. Probably later on but - just not ready, just never thought about it. When I first met- I just never thought about it, I never thought like, do I want it. Just friends really, but probably later, like if I go to live there, if he comes to live here. Probably, but nothing I really think about.

Q. Yeah. And you haven't talked about it with him or anything?

A. Well we did -

Q. Yeah?

A. We did talk about it but we still - we didn't get very much further - you know 'cos we... what we wanted and it wasn't that at the moment, so you know, we'll get there in time.

Q. What is it that you do want at the moment?

A. I just want us to remain friends really, 'cos just suppose... that we have sex, it might just spoil everything, it might just you know, so I just want us to carry on, because if he's far, so I don't want to have to travel so far to just have sex and come back and...

Q. Yeah, yeah...

A. So I just wait 'til I get to a proper relationship where it's more long-term and we've been together more often.

Q. Mm. Yes. That makes sense. Is that the way you prefer to have a sexual relationship then?

A. Yeah. I don't want it to be - have to travel (laugh).

Q. You want it handy.

A. Yeah.

Q. Have you thought about that much, I mean that's - about how your sexual relationships will be?

A. Not really, only if it's brought up, if something's brought up and then someone asks my opinion then I say it, but I don't like to think about it all the time. I'm lucky if I get a letter from him, if he's talking about it or something I think about it.

Q. Mm.

A. But besides that I don't really think about it all that much.

Q. What about the other things, you know I said about what did you want now - instead of - I mean you don't particularly want to have a sexual relationship specially, you know, the guy's so far away and everything -

A. What do you mean?

Q. But - what I was gonna say was, what other sorts of things do you want to do with your life right now, I mean what are you involved in now?

A. Oh well, I don't do much actually, I just go to school really and I get a job, a part time job. There's nothing much I wanna do yet 'cos I just wanna like get study now... 'cos if I start getting

a job instead I might start to get down on my studying and stuff, so I wanna just get all that sorted out.

Q. Right.

A. Because I wrote telling WILLIAM and told him, like, how I was thinking about him all the time and he wrote back and said that he's not gonna write me for a while because he doesn't want me to - my studies to go bad.

Q. Ah, yes, so he's worried about that as well.

A. Yeah. And he went back to school as a - to do some more studying, so we're not gonna write to each other for a while, until we get our studying sorted out.

Q. Oh right. How old is he?

A. Eighteen.

Q. How old are you?

A. Seventeen.

Q. Seventeen, right. So he's - you're quite young. So it makes sense to concentrate on -

A. Mm. I don't think we need to rush 'cos you don't have to start so young...

Q. Definitely. That makes all kinds of sense to me. Can I just shut that door - The other thing we're interested in in this study is - well first of all, what sort of sex education that you have, or are having, in school, and there were a few things that you said that you'd talked about in this school. What kinds of things -

A. That we do in school? Well we have health education, not now sex education specifically, but in health education we learn about pregnancy, sex, abortion, things like that, but we don't even have it that much. We used to have it from the first year, when you start talking about periods and things like that, and then it started working up - sex, then, and this year we started talking about abortion, things like that. But most of it I knew already anyway.

Q. Yeah. How had you found out - I mean how did you know about it?

A. School, friends, family, and so on. Most of it I learnt at school actually.

Q. Mm. From other friends.

A. And teachers, yeah.

Q. In different sorts of lessons.

A. Yeah, just like - we used to have form time and they used to give out sheets and fill things in what we knew. And then we would go through them, see what's right and wrong with it.

Q. Oh.

A. But we didn't put our names on it, so you know -

Q. Yeah, yeah, I was talking to somebody else about that the other day - it's a bit embarrassing and they said if you've got any questions, if you have to say it, it's a lot easier if you can just write it down and then sort of - so you found that helpful?

A. Yeah. Yeah, it was helpful.

Q. So you feel that you know a fair bit about it now?

A. Enough (laugh).

Q. Was there anything about AIDS in any of the sessions that you had?

A. Yeah, yeah, a bit about it.

Q. Not much though?

A. Only recently.

Q. Where did you first hear about AIDS?

A. On television probably. Oh, Q.E.D, I think it was, something like that, where they was talking about AIDS and how it's spreading and how it's a virus and they can't find a cure for it..., but it

didn't really worry me because I thought, you know, I don't do nothing to get myself AIDS now, so I just didn't think about it that much until it started getting more popular and then everybody was talking about it, they all started talking about it at school and everything, and now I know more about it, I know that it's immune deficiency syndrome, all this stuff.

Q. That's right, yes.

A. And I started getting interested in it actually, 'cos I like watching films like Q.E.D and like that, it used to be on quite regularly and I used to always watch it.

Q. So you feel you know quite a bit about it - or about how it's transmitted and stuff? How?

A. If you use a dirty needle. Or if you have casual sex and somebody's infected then you will probably get it...

Q. So there are various ways that you can get it. How do you understand AIDS itself, I mean what do you think HIV is?

A. The virus?

Q. Yeah.

A. I don't know where it comes from, but - I just don't know anything about, you know, its originating thing, but I just know that if you get it you would eventually die then... - protect yourself if you don't wanna die.

Q. What sorts of things can you do to protect yourself?

A. Use a condom. Don't have any casual sex or stick to one partner that you know that doesn't sleep around. That's it. Don't use dirty needles.

Q. Right. And you think that you'll - I mean you're obviously doing all of that now, but do you think you will...?

A. Of course. (laugh)

Q. So when - talking about safe sex - what do you understand to be safe sex?

A. Well, you know who you're sleeping with and you know that they don't sleep around, and you know that you're not gonna end up getting this disease from them, that you can trust them. That's the most basic thing really.

Q. Yeah. Trusting the other person. Yeah. So you feel that you would be able to do that when you start?

A. I have to. If I don't trust it, I wouldn't do it. Simple.

Q. Yeah, yeah. And do you think - I mean talking about using a condom, do you think you would feel able to suggest to somebody that, you know -

A. If I'd ask someone to use a condom? Probably. But I wouldn't have to need to - if I'm ready for it and everything, you know, I wouldn't have to need to ask someone to do that because I would know everything about them anyway.

Q. So you wouldn't - you think you wouldn't - you wouldn't need to because you'd -

A. Yeah. But if I wanted to, I wouldn't mind asking them because then I would be in a sort of relationship that can talk to them about everything. I'm not gonna just pick up somebody from the street and say, well, use a condom.

Q. Yes, absolutely, I can see you're much more concerned about it than that. Other things that people - I mean obviously since you're not having a sexual relationship at the moment it isn't a problem - but would you also be concerned about contraception?

A. Yeah. If I was this age, definitely, because I don't want to get pregnant now, and ruin my chances of going to college or whatever, so definitely I'd use some contraception.

Q. Do you think of having children ultimately, or - do you think you will have children?

A. Yeah, sure. I'd like to.

Q. And marriage, what about that?

A. Yeah, probably.

Q. But not essentially.

A. ... But I'd like to. Eventually.

Q. Thinking about sex and AIDS, thinking that sex can be dangerous if you're not careful in the way that you describe, that you could get AIDS if you're not careful, it sort of seems a bit risky. Do you think there are any other areas in your life in which you - you do risky things?

A. Risky things?

Q. Slightly risky things.

A. Not sex?

Q. Not necessarily sex, no.

A. (puzzled) I don't know.

Q. Well, some people think drinking and smoking are risky.

A. Oh, that's - yeah, that could be risky, but that's if your parents don't know about it.

Q. Mm.

A. You know, if you just start getting hooked on it and it's just because you end up stealing money to get these things. But I don't know...

Q. But you don't - do you engage in any of these things, drinking and smoking?

A. No. I drink occasionally when I go out. But I can control myself, like I don't get drunk or anything. But when I drink - I'm not sick but I drink it all down one time.

Q. Yeah.

A. I don't smoke or anything. I don't drink regularly, only when I go out, or for sort of a special occasion.

Q. What about drugs?

A. Not at all.

Q. What about any of your friends?

A. Do they do drugs? No. If they did drugs they wouldn't be my friends. It has to stop at that.

Q. You feel strongly about it.

A. Yeah, definitely, 'cos when you hear about all these things on television, how people get addicted and how they start looking terrible, and nobody in my family or my friends I know do it.

Q. Mm.

A. Like my mum always tells me she never used to get involved in it, and everybody says I'm just like my mum, because I don't live with my mum but - I live with my granny and she says I'm just like her, what you do and what you love and everything, and when my mum says she doesn't do drugs I know I wouldn't do it myself because we're so alike. And anyway, I've never been involved in it, I don't even know what it looks like.

Q. Yes.

A. I've never seen it before.

Q. How often do you see your mum?

A. Once a week probably. Sometimes not for a long time.

Q. But she lives quite near...

A. Yeah. I just don't live with her.

Q. You get on with her okay?

A. I suppose so. I've got a brother and sister...

Q. Do they live with her?

A. Yeah.

Q. Are they younger or older?

A. Younger.

Q. How old are they?

A. ROBBIE my brother is 12, and KATIE is 15.

Q. Ah, so they're quite near your age really. How - what made - I mean how is it that you're living with your grandparents?

A. Because my mum had me when she was eighteen, when she was young so she couldn't look after me, 'cos she was still going to college or whatever at the time, so she gave me to my grandmother to look after. She wanted to live in a house by herself really and so by the time that she was come of so-called age I was already too adapted to my grandmother, so I just stayed with her.

Q. Mm. Yeah. Do you get on okay with your grandmother?

A. Yeah, she's alright. But she had a MEDICAL CONDITION so I'm living - my aunts are living there as well, two aunts and my grandad. So it's my aunts who really have the responsibility. Not my gran, 'cos she can't write or - her [REDACTED].

Q. Oh yeah. Is she recovering? Was it long ago?

A. Last April, but then she had another MEDICAL CONDITION recently. She had to go to hospital... but my aunts are looking after me anyway.

Q. Are you okay with them, are you getting on alright with them?

A. Yeah, sometimes, but I think they're too protective.

Q. Yeah?

A. Yeah, much too... They think I'm small. They have to look after me all the time, hold my hands.

Q. Don't realise you're growing up. You put on the questionnaire that you belong to the BRANCH OF CHRISTIANITY -

A. That's a church.

Q. What kind of thing is that?

A. It's sort of... but I don't go there regularly, it's my aunts who go there, I just go with them sometimes.

Q. Yeah. Does it affect the way that you think about what you do and everything? Is it just -

A. Well, it affects the way my aunts think. They don't believe in sex before marriage and things like this, casual sex and drugs and smoking and drinking and all these things, but that doesn't affect me. You know, you get influenced by it but I think - the way I think I hear opinions on everybody, but when it comes down to it I just do what I want to do, so it doesn't really affect me.

Q. You make your own decisions.

A. Mm.

Q. And I suppose given different people's views as well - I mean does your mum belong to the same church?

A. No, she doesn't go to church. Just my two aunts and my grandad and my gran when she's not in hospital... I go there sometimes. I don't enjoy it that much actually.

Q. You just go to please your aunts?

A. Yeah. To please my gran really 'cos she gets upset quickly... it's probably true that I don't wanna go any more.

- Q. Yeah. I suppose while she's not well and everything. What other sorts of things do you do?
- A. In my spare time?
- Q. In your spare time.
- A. I like to play badminton ... friends, go to parties occasionally at the weekend. Nothing much. Walk about in the West End, shopping.
- Q. You said you were gonna get a job, a part-time job. What are you thinking of doing?
- A. Well I had a part time job working in DEPARTMENT STORE, but I had to give it up 'cos... in the holiday for five weeks. But I don't mind what I do, just as long as I do something, part time.
- Q. On Saturdays?
- A. Yeah, and probably a few days in the week.
- Q. How will you be able to fit that around the school?
- A. Well, before I went I used to work Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Evenings though. But it's alright 'cos I copied - only sometimes I used to have to rush home and then start to do my homework and eat my dinner and all this.
- Q. Yeah.
- A. But I don't mind, I don't mind.
- Q. ... cash. Is it just for the money or do you like to meet different people?
- A. I like to meet different people, and for the money. Fifty-fifty.
- Q. Yeah. What about - have you already done some GCSEs?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. You did them last year? How did that go?
- A. It was alright. But I think I only concentrated on the subjects that I liked most, 'cos I like Maths, English and Science, and that's it really, and I was good on those, and other subjects that wouldn't help me in the future, that I didn't want to do, like Geography, I just didn't really revise that hard for. So - what did I get for Geography? D or E? And for French I got D 'cos I didn't really revise that much for them. But for the subjects that I needed I revised really hard and I got Cs.
- Q. That's good. And you're taking a few more this year?
- A. Yeah: and Law, Politics, Computer Studies and English skills. 'Cos I got a C for English Literature but D for English Language, so I'm doing English Language again.
- Q. Step it up a bit. So what are you planning to do with all of that?
- A. Next year I'm gonna do A-levels in Law, English and Maths, or maybe Government & Politics, I'm not sure which one. Government & Politics is a bit hard, I don't know if I'll be able to do it.
- Q. Mm. It's interesting that you like maths; a lot of girls don't - think maths is not for them. But you enjoy it?
- A. Yeah, I like it. It's alright. It might help me in the future. It's good if you've got A-level maths.
- Q. Mm, definitely, yes. What about other - after that, do you plan to go to university?
- A. It depends on my results. I always say that. If I flunk it then I can't go to university - simple.
- Q. Yeah. But you can always go back and have another go. I mean -
- A. ... it depends how long. I don't know about university. My aunts want me to, they say are you gonna go to university and all this, but it depends on my results I say. 'Cos if I don't get well and I don't feel like doing it again I'll probably just go and look for a job. If I do well, most probably I'll go to university.

Q. You'll go, yes. Oh well, let's hope you do well... You're working at the moment, or are you? Are you - working on ... the exams? ...have to see what's going to happen. (Pause). There's a question I want to ask you about the double standard. Do you think that the different kinds of standard of behaviour for men and women about sexual things really... one set of rules for boys and another set of rules for girls -

A. I don't think there's rules but I think people have opinions, like if a boy sleeps around he's, you know, ah, he's good, if a girl sleeps around she's a slag or whatever, so - I don't think there's a set of rules, but it's just the way people think. The majority think a certain way and the other majority think a different way.

Q. Yeah. What do you think about it?

A. Well, I think the same, as I said, that if a girl sleeps around she's a slag, but if a boy sleeps around he's praised, I just don't really think about that, but definitely if a girl sleeps around she's a slag. That's definitely what I feel.

Q. Yeah. Do - well, it's a difficult question now - do many of your friends sleep with people or - ?

A. No.

Q. The group of friends that you have don't -

A. No, they don't.

Q. Do you think that there are groups of girls - I mean at school you sometimes find that there are groups of girls who do certain things, and groups of girls who don't. Do you think that happens here a bit?

A. I don't think there's - the people who sleep around are already pregnant or whatever. They're a bit stupid, 'cos some of them are younger than me! And they're pregnant already with babies and pushing prams and all this, you know, their life is finished really. So friends I go with have got sense, 'cos if they have to they're gonna use a contraceptive or something, but we don't really need to do that at the moment. We just might like guys, see somebody, friends, but we're not into having sexual relationships at the moment.

Q. Yes, yes.

A. But I - I hang about with a mixed ... SYLVIA. We just think alike really, we just like guys but we don't get involved with them in that way, not already.

Q. Yes. So do you have a good friendship with SYLVIA?

A. Yeah, she's alright. Sometimes.

Q. Is she your best friend?

A. Well I don't have a best friend. I used to, but she moved to COUNTRY. I don't have a best friend, just general friends. In school and out of school, a separate group outside.

Q. A separate group outside...

A. Oh I have a group -

Q. Well, some friends -

A. ... Well we don't really plan to go anywhere, like if we go somewhere like shopping we go together, not often, it's just we see each other about because we live in the same area.

Q. ... Let me ask you a question which some people find a bit difficult to answer, which is: what's your image of yourself?

A. I don't know how to answer that. What do you mean?

Q. Well, when you think of yourself, what do you think of yourself as?

A. Just an ordinary girl who doesn't think like so many people, just wants to get on with her studies, wants to do well. When it comes to things like sexual relationships, I don't think about

them much, I just think of myself as - 'cos not everyone is gonna be thinking of me so I might as well think of myself and just do what I know I have to do, 'cos if I think of other things like drugs and things like that it's just my life's gonna be... so I'm just gonna do good, so, you know, get myself sorted out, so then I've got something to say for myself, that I've done this, I've done that, I've been here; 'cos if I just do like drugs and sex and this then I'll just be going down, it's my life that's gonna be ruined, and I don't want that to happen. So... go to college, if I can go to university, say I've done something in my life, and then maybe when I get older have a good job, travel, marriage, kids...

Q. Sounds like a good life. What do you think - let's turn it round the other way a little bit - what do you think other people's image of you is?

A. Well some of them think that I study too much, that I'm, you know, goody-goody, but close friends like SYLVIA, they know that when I get... do what I wanna do, but they know how I am, they know that I don't sleep around, they know what I feel about drugs and things like that because I don't mind... so I think they think the same about me as I think about them, they know that I want to go to college and I want to study and do well, so I think -

Q. They see you as you see yourself.

A. Most probably.

Q. That was quite good. Now the other thing I was gonna ask about was - did I ask you a bit about what you thought - this is more back to the AIDS issue - what you thought about the - what you'd seen on television?

A. No, you didn't.

Q. Ah, it's a very important question. What do you think about what you've seen on television about AIDS and -

A. It's alright but I think they go on a bit far, because I was watching this programme and they was talking about AIDS and then near the ending two people admitted that they had AIDS and all the people in there was saying that if they met somebody that had AIDS they would talk to them and everything, but when these two people admitted they had AIDS everybody started moving away from them, you know, ugh, like this.

Q. What did you think about that?

A. I thought they shouldn't have done that. I don't know what I would do if I was in the same situation, but I wouldn't lie and say that I would talk to them, I'd tell them that I wouldn't know how I'd feel.

Q. Mm.

A. But I think they portray it a bit different 'cos some people say different things and can get it different ways and people get confused.

Q. Mm. Do you think you're confused?

A. When I saw that I was confused, 'cos I thought, they say that educated... and they know everything about it and when this actually happens, this is what they actually do. They moved away. So - I just don't know what to feel. I just know that that won't happen to me, you know, I won't get myself in that situation, you know I wouldn't just pick up somebody, and just don't know if they've got AIDS or all these diseases...

Q. What do you - what do you understand AIDS to be?

A. What it means?

Q. What it is, yes.

A. It's just - it's a disease, a virus that gets inside the body and kills all your white cells and gives you all these - makes you immune, and you know, you can get other things quickly like pneumonia and colds that make you weak, and eventually you die.

Q. So it's pretty - a pretty serious thing. Has it worried you?

A. No.

Q. Well you said before you weren't bothered because it was - it wasn't affecting you -

A. If I was different then it would worry me.

Q. Yes, yes.

A. But it doesn't worry me at the moment.

Q. But do you think that all of these things that they've put on television, some of the campaigns, earlier campaigns, showing young people choosing to use condoms and things like that, do you think that they've been effective for young people?

A. Partly, because are good, but some people you just can't change. Like prostitutes or whatever, they'll still carry on being prostitutes and probably end up getting AIDS anyway. Some people it helps them and other people it doesn't.

Q. Do you think there's anything that could be done that would make it more, you know, effective for young people?

A. No. Unless you get in further... and terror and don't do this, I don't think there's any other way, because some people are determined, like this is what they're gonna do, this is what they're gonna do, and no matter what you say you know - 'cos some people don't even watch telly, they don't even hear about AIDS, they just, like, hear about it like somebody tells them and somebody gives them their point of view and that's the point of view that they keep in their heads. That's what they think, oh you get AIDS if you get a dirty needle so don't use a dirty needle. But they don't think about the other ways which you can get AIDS.

Q. Mm.

A. So when they get AIDS they'll wonder, how come I've got this?

Q. Yeah. The other thing I was gonna ask about is when it first started, the publicity about AIDS in the first place, there was sort of suggestions that only gays could get it. Did you hear much about that?

A. Yeah. At first I believed it. Because male homosexuals, they have it, but then when they started saying that - homosexuals, you know, it's not just homosexuals who could get it, it's people who are affected, who sleep around who are gonna start spreading. At first I thought it was just homosexuals who could get AIDS but then when the things like campaigns and things on television, then I knew that it wasn't like that at all.

Q. Yeah. Did you think that people were sort of prejudiced against homosexuals?

A. Yeah. Definitely. What they call them AIDS people and all that.

Q. How do you feel about them, not necessarily -

A. What, homosexuals?

Q. But homosexuals in general, yeah.

A. Ugh. That's how I feel.

Q. Yeah?

A. I just can't imagine it. I just can't imagine a man being with a man. I don't know how I'd feel if I met somebody like that.

Q. You don't think you have - nobody that you know?

A. That's homosexual? No, I don't think so. Nobody that I know of. Nobody that's been around here anyway. But I've met lesbians.

Q. How did that affect you?

A. I don't know. I was shocked at first... I can't help it. But they were just ordinary people. I don't know what I felt, probably I felt that they would be different, they'd have "lesbians" written on them, things like that. I don't know what I felt, but when I was facing the situation they was ordinary but I still couldn't help like backing away...

Q. Mm, yeah. It's complicated. You may find if you meet like male homosexuals, they're ordinary too.

A. Probably. There's no way you can tell unless they tell you, then when they tell you you're so shocked. And you just wouldn't think about that anyway. I wouldn't think about that. And that's just someone I think this is a homosexual, this is a lesbian, this is just an ordinary person like of the opposite sex. So when it's different I'm always shocked. Always. I just don't think about it like that, maybe this girl's a lesbian or something. I don't think about it.

Q. So it always comes as a surprise.

A. Yeah.

Q. So is it some of your friends at school who are lesbians or -

A. No, not at school. These people that I've met. It wasn't any of my friends; a friend's friends. And when they admitted that they were lesbians I was shocked, I just didn't know what to do.

Q. Yeah.

A.

Q. Were you worried that it might affect you, that I might affect the way that -

A. What?

Q. The way that they would behave towards you.

A. Well, whatever that they tried to do I knew that I wouldn't get involved in it 'cos I'm just not like that, so I just didn't care what they think, what they had to say or anything... That's at first, I didn't want to have anything to do with them. But then I started really realising that they was ordinary girls. Just they're lesbians towards one another but they don't want to make any sexual advances towards me or anybody. So as long as that's clear, then I'm alright.

Q. Yeah.

A. But before that I was really sort of afraid.

Q. Yeah. A bit of a shock. Is there anything that you'd like to ask me about at all? No? What we're doing with this piece of research as well as interviewing young women this year is maybe coming back and interviewing some of them a year later to see what's been happening in their lives. Would you be interested in doing that?

A. Yeah.

Q. Oh, good. Did you - you didn't give me your whole address, could you give me your whole address? We don't keep names on the tapes or on any of the notes that we have about you so this'll be kept somewhere separate and I can get in touch with you next year. Be interesting to see what's happened to people in the intervening period.

A. Yeah. Maybe my opinions will have changed... all be different.

Q. Be interesting for you to think about as well, eh? Thanks. Terrific. So I'll probably see you next year. I wish you good luck with all the studies and everything, it all sounds as if it's going pretty well. And thanks...