

LSFS31 Interviewed at Institute of Educ.**4. 10.89**

Met her on the steps of the Institute. It was our second attempt. She's gone on holiday last time without cancelling the appointment. Aged 20. Straight reddish hair to below her ears, large silver hooped ear-rings, black skirt and tights, and grey Levi shirt. Wearing bright red lipstick. Was working [IN HEALTHCARE] when we first made contact. She is now taking Biology A-Level and more GCSEs at [NAME OF COLLEGE]. Wants to go into nursing, but to get a nursing degree, on something called Project 2000 which has just started. Thinks she might have got a place at [NAME OF HOSPITAL].

Is in the process of moving into flat where her boyfriend (a 3rd year student at [NAME OF UNIVERSITY]) lives, together with a woman [SKILLED TRADE]. She'll have her own room. Part of the reason for moving there is because her own situation is becoming untenable. Her parents only have a 2 bedroomed flat, her father had [SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION] 5 years ago so has to have his own room, so she has shared a bedroom with her mother ever since. Was OK at first but now needs her own space.

Has been going with boyfriend about 2 years, seems quite steady but doesn't necessarily see the future as being with him. Both in SWP, and she's involved in it at college. Thinks her political views have been important in her development of confidence etc. like understanding women's oppression.

Has had a couple of incidences when she's had unwilling sex, but described this as being her fault as for, instance, once this guy walked her home and she had sex because she felt it was expected and she felt sorry for him, but she didn't want to and wished she hadn't. Thinks she wouldn't do that now.

Said her current boyfriend is her second longterm relationship, the previous was when she was 16-18, and then she remembered another which lasted for 6 or 7 months, which could be termed as 'longterm' as she was only 14. He was the one she first had sex with. Doesn't see sex as any great thing, really prefers kissing and cuddling, Likes it best with her present boyfriend though. Thinks in a relationship that as time goes by, sex goes down and love goes up! In beginning it used to be the boys who initiated sex, but now seems more equal, although she says it's not that important to either of them, sometimes don't have it for several weeks even though she spends at least half her time over at his place.

Had an abortion recently, happened after she'd completed q'aire (but nothing to do with it!). It was her own fault, she'd not taken the Pill regularly, was aware she was taking the risk, doesn't understand why she did it, is more careful now. Was no question of her wanting a baby, and her boyfriend definitely didn't, Doesn't regret it. Thinks in general she doesn't take risks, so this is not in character.

Is very unaware of AIDS risk to herself, and said she was thinking about this on her way to meet me. Seems to have some understanding of the disease but doesn't think it relevant to her because she doesn't sleep around. Would think of using a condom in future though, if was thinking of sleeping with someone she didn't know. Didn't know much about the campaigns, had seen more serious documentaries about gays and London Lighthouse etc.