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Q: Right, so I'll tell you what you were doing last time I saw you, so you can remember. You were still at college, are you still at college at the moment?

A: No.

Q: You were at college, you were going with JUSTIN, do you remember JUSTIN?

A: I do.

Q: And you were having a good time I seem to remember, so can you tell me from there?

A: Then I had a bad time.

Q: Yes, what happened?

A: Well I got strongly advised it wasn't worth my while going back to college because I was never there in the first place.

Q: Was this from your teachers at college?

A: Yes because my mother wondered why I didn't have any reports so she could look at how I was doing or anything, so she rung up and so I was told I had to find a job, then I was sort like working for my dad ... his scrapyard through the summer. But I was still seeing JUSTIN. And he was hassling about staying out at night because I ... like..

Q: ... (013) ...

A: Yes. I told them the truth why I was staying, you know, I was staying in with sort of thing rather than lying to them.

Q: You said you were staying at SARA'S weren't you?

A: Yes. And they didn't like and my dad ... something like, - right if you stay out ... more night, you don't come back here - a didn't intend on staying out, you know what I mean, but ..(018)..

Q: ..(019)..

A: And I stayed out and I got back in on Sunday and he goes - right, pack your bag, that's what you want to do - so I packed .. bags and I went to live in Hulme for a couple(?) of months.

Q: What did you make of that? Did you .... It?

A: Yes and I would have done better except that I was having a bad time with JUSTIN and everything and we split up and I had to go back home because that was the only place I could go, because I was really emotional ... messed up really. And I went home on the Wednesday and then on the Sunday I went to Ireland with mum and dad for a week because they wouldn't leave me in the house on my own for a week, because they said I would have people round and have dirty swinging ... (027)...

Q: They really trust you then don't they.

A: Oh yes. So then I went to Ireland for a week and I never ... (029)... and I was ... like starved so I did nothing but stuff my face for the whole week.

Q: Like me. The first sign of ..?.. the fridge.

A: Meat loafs and that. I put on loads of weight over there in like a week, about a stone from stuffing my face. And then .. came back and I sort of got friendly with .. couple that I knew vaguely and I got really friendly with them and they liked me so .. alright and they helped me through that. ..then I got a job to get myself out of debt .. quite a good job. And I finished the job and..

Q: What was the job?

A: It was just like office work sort of thing, like for my dad. You see that was thing .. I moved home I would have to find a job. ..was what..

Q: And you left home?

A: No, if I moved back from Hulme.

Q: Oh right, they said those were the conditions?

A: Yes I had to get a job and I wasn't looking very well because one wasn't jumping .. out at me. So my dad got me one with his friend, a friend of his sort of thing and .. was really against it at first, you know really bad tempered about it. And then I thought right, sod it, get some money to .. and do what you want. So I got myself out of debt, got a bit of money together and I .. to travel around England, with traveller.. that in a caravan,

Q: ...(025)...

A: It was great you know, I really want .. happy home life and I had been getting on well with them as well so I just dropped in, you know by the way.

Q: ...(027)...

A: But now what I'm going to is the .. week in July with a friend we are going to Ibiza because I know a couple of people over there and if I can get work then I .. still over there and if I can't I'll come back(?) and have to get some more work because I have spent all my money and that so hope.. I'll get a job in Ibiza.

Q: So you've actually got plans anyway.. So are you still living(?) at home?

A: Oh no. In between times, no I've on..been left about two and half weeks or something and it's not on bad terms, it's sort of like a friend left her boyfriend .. she didn't really have anywhere to stay. .. was from the Shetland Isles so she had no family or anything so my friend TOM had a flat in Sale and he's never there at a..we just said to him, can we borrow your flat for a bit so I stayed there with CHERYL, .. friend from the Shetlands.

Q: Is her name .. from the Shetlands?

A: CHERYL, yes and she sort of helped me through it and she ended up seeing more .. flipping boyfriend when she left him fro(?).. she did when she was there. So now she'.. her own flat in Crumpsall but like the weekend, she like that was the weekend t.. before, she was like not at the flat in .. at all, she was with this LARRY boyfriend..

Q: So you are living on your own pretty much now?

A: Yes but it's sort of downstairs there ...(044)... my friends, they are the only(?).. that helped me through and get over JUSTIN.

Q: Little JUSTIN.

A: And then EDWARD and SUE live downstairs .. well and they are really nice and they have(?) got this friend called FRANK who I'm g.. on well with at the moment, so I might ha.. plans for him.

Q: So life isn't finished then by any stretch of the imagination?

A: No, no. Well it was for about two weeks, three at the most.

Q: Tell me what happened with JUSTIN then.

A: We just used to fight all the time.

Q: Once you moved in together?

A: Well because in the flat there was ANDREW and KERRY his girlfriend as well. Now .. the music and telly and everything were .. room so we only lived upstairs because ...(053)... used the upstairs part and the kitchen is downstairs. And so ANDREW and KERRY were always in our room sort of thing. .. ANDREW and KERRY started getting romantic.. inclined they'd go to their room but we had(?) nowhere to go sort of thing and no-one would stand up to ANDREW because he's a real like ..(057).. type and JUSTIN wouldn't stand up to him because he likes a quiet life and ag.. like ANDREW hit him ...(059)...

Q: So he was scared of him?

A: Yes, scared. The man was a wimp. And(?) then KERRY, his girlfriend, she wouldn't stand up to him sort of thing so it used .. me was the only one who would stand up to him. And we used to have some amazing rows me and ANDREW, and I used to like be arguing with .. like why don't you say something – and ANDREW and KERRY when to see ANDREW'S mum in Wales just a weekend and that was like a really .. weekend, we got on dead well and everything.

Q: You had that space to yourselves?

A: And in the end when we went up to ... to see his friend [NICKNAME], like we stayed there for a few days and that and we did .. couple of times, we got on really well .. . It was like ANDREW was a lot of the pressure .. plus he was still quite ...(068)... ex-girlfriend.

Q: CRYSTAL?

A: CRYSTAL, yes and I used to wind him up about it.

Q: Still!

A: Yes.

Q: So you got pissed off with it generally(?). So what happened, did you split up or .. he split it up?

A: I left.

Q: Walked out?

A: Yes. It had been like, it had just dragged on and we were just ended up.. I..really destructive, because we were fighting(?) quite literally, fist fighting, and it was getting so bad we were fighting in the Ritz(?) one night. ...(077)... oh yes it was ... really bad and one Friday morning I was ... as well which made me a bit sort of weepy .. my friend TINA I was meant to be going .. the market to pick up my giro and TINA .. to come with me. She was from Marple. ..didn't hear her knocking and she said she knocked three times, went away, came back again and I didn't hear her at all. And .. said the dogs weren't even barking, where were you and I hadn't been anywhere I'd just .. asleep. So when I did finally wake up .. having a go at me sort of thing so that .. help and then I got home and my mum and .. was there and KAREN goes something like ..was really depressed because I had a massive row with JUSTIN and KAREN says to me – why you come home? – and my mum goes - .. (08..).. And I was really embarrassed, when I think about it now, you think, oh god.

Q: Maybe you needed it, maybe you needed ... excuse to get out?

A: Yes I was really depressed, used to go round to this ...(093)... like JULIE who's like an old friend, a nurse, hey boyfriend CRAIG and I used to go round all the time whinging ... (095)... and sh.. what I was going through and she ...(097)

Q: Was he upset about it?

A: Yes I think he was upset because I was upset but we both knew it was for the best(?) because it just wasn't going anywhere. ..was.. I was upset but. Right this is a .. me, his supervisor at work started fancying him.

Q: He's working?

A: Yes. When I moved down there I decided, right, I can't be doing with just living .. the dole, I want a job. So I said to ANDREW and MERV – come with me to the job centre, you(?) know for the company – so they..

Q: ...(104)...

A: And it ended up with them two getting .. job and me not.

Q: Oh no. What kind of jobs did they get then?

A: It's Cost??.. it's called, they do ..(1..).. They did packing thing like .. and, and yes there were cranes and stuff .., but they do all the heavy lifting .. the women do the..

Q: Packing?

A: Yes. And this supervisor had fancied .. and after I had left and that I was going ...(111)... one night on Tuesday night and they were on their works Christmas do an.. noticed that he was walking along with .. she was so small and she was really ugly. RHONDA who lives in the same house as her .. she's a sixteen year old half cast, and .. lesbian right and they got some other(?) guy that lives in the same house and tha.. ...(117)... so like there was this KATHLEEN supervisor, and this half cast girl and .. walking along and I was having chat because also one of the dogs had died and I was .. close to him so I was dead sad and then ANDREW and nearly moved to tears you know.

Q: And then you saw JUSTIN with his woman .. nearly moved to violence!

A: Yes. ..(122)... and then ..(123)... I saw KERRY and she was saying you know, he spends a lot of time with this KATHLEEN .. she doesn't think there's anything in it .. of like they don't seem to sit right next to each other or anything. And then the next thing you know he's seeing her and she's pregnant. ..he said to JULIE she's a good girl, she's no(?) oil painting but she'll do so at he knows she's ugly. And I saw him in the Ritz, no I saw him walking through Hulme .. I was driving past so I stopped and chatted and we had a really nice chat. And he was saying about KATHLEEN and that and I said – what've you done? – and he says – I don't (?).. but it can be undone – and I thought I w.. what he means and I said to him like – you got to find out ...(137)... and he was l.. with her by this stage...

Q: Do you still want to start seeing him again?

A: No but I wanted to just to take an interest and then I just said – oh will .. you for a drink sort of thing – and it's really wise because I'm living with KATHLEEN(?).. yes but I can always ring you. And .. was on Saturday and the next night the phone rung and my mum answered it and the person hung up so I don't know if it was .. not, I've not asked him actually because .. wouldn't speak to my mum in case there w.. vibes in case I told her about this KATHLEEN that's pregnant.

Q: Maybe your mum wasn't to keen on him anyway?

A: Oh no, yes she wouldn't have liked if he'd been ringing up. So then I saw him at the Ritz and he was telling m that he was leaving, leaving home and that and he was being over friendly sort of thing and I .. want to know so I wandered off and the next thing I know his girlfriend sort of walk.. and ...(151)... and stood there kissing .. just wasn't bothered at all and I walked .. the stairs and my friend teasing but it didn't(?) bother me really. I didn't particularly .. it but.

Q: Well I was going to say it's ..(153).. you're not broken-hearted?

A: No. I sort of wandered down and see .. him with... well I didn't look at them a.. that I didn't want to ...(156)... and JUSTIN(?) looked up so it was just like, ...(157)...

Q: So was this the girl KATHLEEN, that he .. with or someone else?

A: No no, this was a girl...(160)... s.. in the Ritz and then in the Playpen a few weeks later, and sat there talking to my friend CARL and CARL'S like, I call him antidepressant because when I'm really p.. off I go round.

Q: He cheers you up?

A: Yes he's just amazing. And he is one of these, that all the local girls just fancy(?) .. like CONNIE who lives with him, just his mate sort of thing, she's ...(164)... gets the same problem as I do because we .. so close friend to him and then you get .. local girls really .. (166)... you out you know, in the clubs sort of thing.

Q: You could do without it?

A: Yes because it's not very nice really .. of mind your own business, and you feel having these fights with them and that w.. like ...(169)... I feel a really bad atmosphere and I turned round and notice .. girl and it was this woman that had been .. JUSTIN and she like had her eye on CARL before(?) CARL was making a fuss of me.

Q: So you are her main enemy now obviously..

A: Well yes, we just used to (172).. h..well and we just sort of look at her and .. this smile in the eyes and stuff and rea.. her head in.

Q: Did anything like that happen when you were seeing JUSTIN or were either of you unfaithful to each other?

A: Oh aye.

Q: Tell me about that?

A: Well I started it off because he started(?) to get really drunk and it used to really annoy me so I would like.. first of all to, ANDREW used to really, you know, I can't think of the right words, but he used to .. me quite a lot anyway so and I used to, I wanted to attract me I used to give wi.. like that and then struggle oh no, no, .. know ...(184)...

Q: What in the same room?

A: Yes that was just a case and I just .. to wind JUSTIN, but anyway he was stupid, just that we both used to wind each other all the time. And then ROY his friend, .. pushed into that one though, that one we .. further and afterwards ROY went down to .. himself something to eat and I was crying ...(189)...

Q: What, did you sleep with him?

A: Yes. And then..

Q: When all this was happening, when you slept with this guy, did you use condoms or anything?

A: ...(191)...

Q: That's Rachel asking...

A: No then.

Q: No, carry on.

A: Right so when I told JUSTIN about it because(?) I did feel that I was pushed into it because JUSTIN was being really horrible to me and ... and he understood and he never mentioned until, like typical JUSTIN, he doesn't mention things and then you wonder what's bugging .. for a few weeks and then it will come out then he said something about that he .. even with ROY, and I went – why? – and he looked .. – you know why! –

Q: Oh dear.

A: But then he went with a big bird. .. what I call a big bird, she's like six foot odd and she's a dozy cow. She gets tablets off the doctor, something like T..??.. and gets like a week's prescription and she does them all at once and she's a zombie for .. rest...

Q: Does she inject them?

A: No she just takes them but she's got ..(209)... of methadone. How she got into .. is because she's married to the guy that .. ex-junkie, she's married very well to an ex-junkie. I found this out later because .. bumped into these people and met them ...(214)... they live near where I .. she lived so I mentioned her name and it .. like this married couple sort and this .. had ended up giving her a good thumping because she'd tried it on with her husband. And then ...(218)... and threatening to ...(219)...

Q: Did you ask him ..(222)..

A: Oh that's a stupid question really.

Q: It would be no, you know he wouldn't ...

A: No. But now I have my whole outlook on life has changed, it really has because .. to travel ...(226)... At last. Because it .. my friend teasing that did it. She was talking about me, she's in a nice steady relationship and they are happy and everything, but she was saying if she did sleep with anyone else she would use Durex bu.. she's come off the pill and started using .. with her boyfriend Peter.

Q: Just for contraception anyway?

A: Yes. So it makes you think, oh yes, a bit blind and it can't happen to me, b..have really woken up and realised lying .. it could.

Q: Do you feel that you have taken risks doing things like, because I mean it may be that anybody you slept with has been injecting drugs and sharing needles, but .. saying JUSTIN had injected them but you didn't know before if he had shared needles.

A: Yes but ...(239)... actually and the .. to him, by the way I've been told I'm at risk because of you like injecting drugs and .. that, and I said to him – but I said I didn't(?) think you had shared your needles – and .. great, oh god, yes I shared needles with .. of Sale. And I was just..

Q: Shit!

A: Yes, sort of thing.

Q: Did that make you worried?

A: Yes it was sort of went in my stomach in knots, oh shit, you know.

Q: But there was nothing going to happen .. about it, even though you'd ...

A: Well I thought, if the damage is done .. will be done by now.

Q: Right so you've taken the risk already.

A: So now I wouldn't take the risk any(?) because I have realised that it's not something that's going to go away or it's something that's not going to happen to me. It could do. And there's not been anyone since JUSTIN(?) so.

Q: Is that partly because of ..(254)..

A: Yes because of .... Because I like the(?) chase but when it comes down to the kill .. just don't want to know so I don't bother.

Q: Before we were talking, you said that .. sex you had so far hadn't been that earth shattering, did anything change in that ..?

A: Well that's another thing. JUSTIN is tired after work because he worked from .. til six, and I wouldn't be out of bed until(?) about two.

Q: So you were raring to go?

A: So that used to cause loads of problems. And he used to say ...(262)... for god sake(?), leave me alone you're a nymphomaniac – and .. wasn't at all anything like once a month .. usual. You know what I mean though.

Q: And also I suppose you were saying .. you didn't have that much privacy so it couldn't be often that you actually managed(?) get round to it.

A: It did get better though, ...(268)... when ANDREW and KERRY were away it was al...

Q: What about the other guy you slept with(?)?

A: Oh that was awful. Yes and he was fascinated with my hair as well because .. a skinhead lad and he was going that he'd never had a girlfriend that had hair rea.. And it was like his moment of pleasure he pulled my hair.

Q: Wasn't any ..(275)...

A: Not at all no. It was like making.. it was horrible, it was like an empty sh.. I just wasn't there, I just blocked it out. And that's another I do, I block things that I don't like, I just block them out my head and sometimes it does my head in because(?) I think I should face up to them. And I .. like JUSTIN, I never went out with him but .. can't remember it unless I really talk about(?) it and I just put it to the back of my mind(?).

Q: Do you think that happened as well with worries about risk of HIV?

A: Oh probably yes.

Q: That you didn't want to...

A: I didn't want to think about it.

Q: So you said talking your friends .. a difference?

A: Yes.

Q: Is that partly because somebody who .. like you and in the same sort of position .. concerned about it, was that the first time(?) that you had found that?

A: It was yes, because it was sort of a .. time, I had a lot of respect of her, and .. still ..(290) ... because she's a friend, you know what I mean, but you meet new people you've got things to learn, and I .. that we were into the same things and it .. really good. And one night we got talking about AIDS and stuff and she was saying, .. is no way she sleeps without using a condom, she was really really adamant about it. .. then she goes – what about you, sort of thing, and I was sort of laughing. And I told .. all about this and she was going to come today with me, but she's got a car now. ..not passed her test but she's going to get insured but so anyway it open my eyes, then LARRY, from downstairs from me talk..about it as well and you think, oh god this is people who are aware of it, it's time .. something here.

Q: Do you think you've noticed a change .. last year when you were talking about the ..(303) ... that more people you are aware(?) and it's more of an issue now than it was?

A: Well I don't know, I've not seen .. advertisements and things.

Q: But in terms of individuals you know?

A: Yes but in terms of ... it's girls mainly(?), I think the lads don't really care, and JUSTIN, when I was talking to him, when I .. him walking through Hulme, and I just said to him – why the hell didn't you use something and be careful – and he said that's not me, is it. And I thought yes. And that'... nothing.

Q: He likes taking changes?

A: Yes. I wouldn't like to see that other girl ..(314)... since KATHLEEN he's had another girl and he's got another girlfriend now and ..(315)... he's always, even when he first started this ELLEN girl he's s... now ...(318)... He will come literally .. shoot over to me and want to talk to me .. I'll talk to him because he's still a friend(?) but there is no way I would even consider ...(322).

Q: Yes it's probably wisest. But if you go back, if you start seeing somebody else, maybe you could get them to use condoms .. whatever, but if you go back with him and he didn't use them before it would be really difficult?

A: Yes it would. It probably would it .. probably would say ....(327).... like a to their manhood because I've got a friend ... just been talking about sex in general(?) so I used to be really close to him, just friends and he was saying there's no way .. would ever wear a Durex because he's a man(?) sort of thing.

Q: Do you think he's ever worn one?

A: No. I don't know from what I've heard that he'd get one to fit anyway. Because .. friend has seen him and a couple of other people that she's spoken to said he's like .. standing joke. And MELISSA, my friend .. works(?) .. [NAME OF CHEMIST], so she says she's going to get him those finger, you know the ones you put .. your fingers to cover things. She's got .. name for them.... And she's going to get one of them.

Q: Mini-???. There are a lot of myths .. condoms aren't there, things like – it's paddling with your socks on – and all th..sorts of things that everybody knows, but .. don't know how much they link up to actually .. people's experience of using them is. You have used them?

A: Oh yes.

Q: When was the last time you used them?

A: Before JUSTIN, the boyfriend before JUSTIN .. I don't know, I would rather not use one .. now I would use one on principle because .. think I've grown up a lot living away from home like in Hulme. You know I've just .. more independent as well living away. ..don't know how say if you into a steady relationship you'd stop using them. Excuse(?) me, do you mind having an AIDS test, I'll .. one too.

Q: Do you think that's a realistic thing, would you ever be able to say that to somebody, to have an AIDS test?

A: I don't know, not at the moment I don't think so.

Q: It's very difficult isn't it to know .. to stop not taking risks and when to say .. mean could you imagine being to con..long term in your relationship, do you think that would work?

A: No.

Q: That form of contraception?

A: I don't know, I don't think so in a long(?) term relationship because you might not be prepared all the time sort of thing. You never know when the urge might strike.

Q: Would you trust condoms to protect you against pregnancy?

A: Not really, I'd stay on the pill and use them because I haven't come of the.. Apart from anything the main thing is I .. that when I'm on coming on so otherwise it's potluck, it could be any time within thi.. and all the time I'm really conscious.

Q: Check your sheets?

A: Getting ..(377)... and going berserk .. ten minutes, and set your alarm by it.

Q: You said before you had bad period pain.

A: Oh yes and it's a lot better now. I .. get backache and stuff.

Q: So if you were in a situation where .. before you would be on the pill, would you say to somebody that you were on the pill and wanted to use a condom anyway or do you think..?

A: I think I'd have to mention something .. not embarrassed about being on the pill, got two rooms in the flat and the kitchen ...(388)... and on the fireplace on top .. mantelpiece, the packet is just there otherwise I will forget to take it if it .. in something.

Q: ...(390)...

A: Yes with a note.

Q: Take one!

A: And I think so, if anything comes of .. FRANK and that next time I'm going ...(395)... I think I would just say to .. look I'm on the pill but I think it's wise that you do use a condom because I've slept(?) with a few people in the past and you do .. know like your sexual history and...

Q: What if his reaction was, like – oh, it's like having your socks – what if he had a really negative reaction to you asking?

A: I don't think he would because he's a really sweet guy.

Q: Oh lord. No, go on.

A: He is sweet. He is really a super p..(?) and I don't think he would.

Q: Do you think you would be prepared to insist on it or say if you don't that's ..

A: I would now, yes because .. but I do think he would because he's a nice person. He's not weak or anything...(415)... and wouldn't do everything I said but if I asked something that's in order he would do it .. know something like change a light bulb .. something, so I think he would because .. I wouldn't, especially wouldn't have a one-night stand at any time and if he's saying(?) don't wear that, - OK then it would be r..(?).

Q: If it's a one-night stand you would r..(?) not have a one-night stand?

A: Yes.

Q: Is that something that's likely to happen(?)?

A: No not at the moment but I can't...

Q: You don't know what's round the next corner.

A: Yes I could walk out from here and meet the man of my dreams.

Q: But the thing about using them long term(?) is like an important thing in terms of safe sex in the future, and ...(433)... What .. length of time would you consider it be a serious relationship and not a short term thing and then you would have to start thinking about not using condoms, I mean what sort of length of time would you count?

A: Say about a week! I don't know really .. get bored after a fortnight anyway so I .. know. I'd say a month is a long time .. so that would be.. No I don't know, it depends.

Q: But if you say you were seeing somebody for two weeks would you think after then .. would want to stop using condoms?

A: I think before I stop using them the..(?) would have to be, perhaps I would mention something about.. I would mention my wor..(?) because I think, maybe I was thinking at .. moment I should really know ...(453)...

Q: So what sort of things would put you at ease?

A: I don't know really. Because it's not just him, you could say, like the man wa..(?) a virgin or something, it's not just him it .. I mean ..(460)...

Q: So you would have to work it out when it(?) happened really?

A: It's one of those bridges you've got to cross.

Q: Would you ever think of having an AIDS test or would you want to know one way or other?

A: Well I reckon possible but I think w.. give blood because I couldn't give blood .. Mum and dad last give blood because I'd had my ears pierced a few weeks so I couldn't(?) give blood but when I last came here ..(471)...

Q: I think you had, yes.

A: I read the board and realised I could .. I think... how long do you have to wait for the results?

Q: Well generally you have to do two tests about two weeks apart ...(477)... I don't .. how long...??...you have to have two .. if it's not showing...??...because it .. show up.

A: Actually when I go, like I'm on the .. packet of my pills so when I next go to .. doctor I might ask him just out of interest just so that I know if I can give blood because it's not really fair to go and give blood and then to find that it's contaminated.

Q: Right so you think you could do it r..that way, seeing that you give blood.

A: Yes but then like I say I might have a word with the doctor about it when I go .. him but I think the doctor thinks I'm a neurotic wreck. Because I went round .. doctors because I was falling asleep at .. because at first I was just typing and I type and I got there on the first day an...(494)... showed me into this room and..with the typewriter and went out and I couldn't turn the bugger on. In the end it was that the plug wasn't switched on. I was panicking and I just had a load of .. to do and I'd never typed before apart from the odd ...??...

Q: You made a mess of it?

A: Yes and I was really upset and I end..crying, it was like the straw that broke the donkey's back. And then .. I've forgotten what started that off..

Q: You were going to the doctors, you think the doctor thinks you're a neurotic mess?

A: Yes and then I went to ...(507)... because I refused to compromise on my social(?) life and I'm still going out and working, not having a lot of sleep and I've been nodding at the typewriter and ALISON, who..woman opposite me would be shouting at me to wake up and she's really nice but she ge..pissed off because I'd be there nodding .. and she was working. And I went to the doctors saying that I fall asleep and st.. and I don't like the job and then another .. I just got it into my head one day that .. a food addict, I was eating loads and loads .. chocolate and I was feeling really fat and ugly and I went to doctors for a repeat prescription and told him I was an addict and I'm addicted to chocolate. A..was getting upset again then and then sh .. oh well there's nothing I can give you, just got to try and cut it out, she know .. hard. Anyway a couple of days later, I .. god, ...(529)... stopped eating chocolate a bit and lost half a stone so that was alright.

Q: Straight away.

A: Literally yes within two weeks, not dieting, just not eating all this chocolate and what have you. So I've got to try and lose weight now before I go to Ibiza again.

Q: So when you go to Ibiza are you going to be taking some condoms with you?

A: I don't plan on going for that sort of thing, it's not going to be like a typical holiday, you know, getting your leg over, sort(?) of thing. It's all to go and get a job over there. Is this dead confidential?

Q: it is very confidential.

A: I think we might bet some drugs between us(?) but that's about it sort of thing.

Q: And forget the men ...(545)...

A: Yes.

Q: It's alright, don't worry it's...(54?)..

A: Like me and CONNIE we will get some .. and stuff and that's the most important .. like it's more important than men just to have(?) a good time and socialise because we both get on(?) really well so most of my friends I g.. well with them.

Q: Despite everything?

A: Despite everything yes.

Q: So you'll enjoy that?

A: Yes it's like ...(555)...

Q: So you have had a change of heart about taking risks?

A: Oh yes.

Q: Do you feel you've taken quite a lot of(?) risks in the past?

A: Thinking about, I think I've pushed .. and I don't know, I have become concerned about these things and about, I'll worry about things like, not worry loads, but I'm aware like about the ozone layer, and like all .. things that have happened in the world ...(570)... it's like mother nature fighting back because man has changed the world s.. in so long and interfered so much.

Q: So you are going to do your bit?

A: Yes I'm going to do my bit and recycle toilet paper.

Q: Recycle toilet paper and using condoms?

A: Yes.

Q: Going back to condoms again, from your memories of using them, do you think that .. would have a different type of sex if you .. using condoms than being on the pill?

A: No. I just think the penetration ....(584)...

Q: But the type of sex you've had already, was penetration the main part of it?

A: Well most of the time it ends up like that, but that's not the most pleasurable at all, that's just I don't know, it's nice, it's not like the be all and end all sort of thing, and I realised that now that, before JUSTIN really I think that I thought that was all sex was.

Q: It's ..(597)..

A: Yes wham, bam, thank you mam, sort of thing.

Q: How do you think you found out that .. more than that, was it experience and finding out about what you like and things like ..?

A: Yes. Experimenting and you find nice things to do.

Q: ...(607).. I like that a lot more!

A: Yes, that's much more fun for me, and it is.. and as well I've found that sex .. a laugh and it's best that way then you h.. laugh, rather than just down to the basic(?), all this reproduction sort of thing. I .. me and JUSTIN I remember our best sex session was when he was on mushrooms, we'd had some(?) mushrooms and I was totally straight headed(?) but I was dead giggle as well, like picking up(?) on his vibes, and that was really funny, was such a laugh, we just giggled the way through it, it was really good. And we .. just messing about. It wasn't that much sexual foreplay it was just like messing .. and having a laugh and it was just really nice. God, I'm remembering the good times .. I'll be...(635)...

Q: ...(364)... you'll have to remember other terrible things that happened as well. So when you were younger you were saying .. thought sex was pretty much penetration, that's all that happened, things like oral(?) sex, when was the first time you found o.. doing things like that, as that once you were(?) with JUSTIN?

A: No that was with a lad called GREG, .. he wasn't a GREG. That was actually quite good because I'd never had penetration with him it was just sort of one of those things, one thing led to another and that was when I realised, oh this is much nicer sort of thing really. And when I see him now, he's like – why don't you come round – and I won't b.. I don't upset the ...(654)... but sometimes when I'm lonely and I think about it and I think no, stop it. Yes because he'd been with an older woman for about four years.

Q: So he's well trained?

A: Yes, he had been well trained, yes.

Q: Do you find that with the guys you'd .. with that they don't know that much about what(?) gives women pleasure?

A: Yes, I think JONATHAN, the one before .. I don't think he really had a clue, so that was the most boring sex I've ever had. ..think oh god, ever. Oh it was just so boring.

Q: Do you feel you're in a position now where you've got confidence to tell somebody what you like and let them know rather than g.. what they are ..(678)..

A: I don't know until I'm in that situation. It depends what mood I'm in at the time because sometimes I feel dead confident .. think I probably would, but sometimes I wouldn't which is why I think I've got to make sure the timing is right before I do any .. again. Because before

JUSTIN I'd copped off with JONATHAN a couple of times, but I was at .. and dad's silver wedding and my friend .. that I went to college with and I got fr..(?) with him and then we spent the night together but we didn't do anything, we spent the .. talking and ended up seeing each other .. . So his folks were away so I went and stayed at his place and there was this friend of my dad's and this friend of my dad's girlfr.. son and I ended up copping off with him a.. was just because I was drunk really and .. wanting to take me out to mooch and all .. and I just didn't want anything and I do know because I knew I wasn't going to see him(?) again, I'd no intentions of seeing him again .. I really.

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A: I think I just felt bugger it, and the next morning ...(710)...

Q: You said you let yourself go and?

A: I wasn't shy. I was just, did what I wanted to do.

Q: And did you end up doing to him, rather than him doing to you?

A: Oh yes.

Q: Taking charge?

A: Yes and I surprised myself really an .. think I surprised him. And I was really shocked, I didn't realise woman has got .. of power over a man because once they get .. knickers off a pretty woman...(716)... a.. that's it. And then ..(718)...

Q: ..(719)... I think the first time you sleep with anyone generally you are often quite uptight and nervous about it..

A: Yes I think it's the same for men as well(?) .. the first time like just get it over with and then you can – wow, you've done it..

Q: Then you can take your time next time. It's funny though, girls that have t.. it to start with and then you can look the person in the eye afterwards, and you've actually got to go through the whole thing first. It seems to be important, but I .. way we use sex as ....(727)... and the r.. why you end up doing it...??..

A: I think now, I'm thinking that you g..bit worrying, it's a nervous sort of thing .. just really, when it comes down to it in .. position where I could have sex with someone.. I haven't got any feelings at all. But .. think I've got to try and feel for someone again before ..(735)...

Q: What do you mean, the problem's you f..(?) that you've got any desire?

A: Yes just a case of..

Q: It's probably not right at the moment ..

A: It might be. But saying that, I do .. like sexual attracted to FRANK.

Q: Well there you go?

A: He's six foot four, and I feel like .. small, and I think he's protecting me, it's nice.

Q: Tell me about FRANK?

A: Well he's six foot four. He's got d..(?) hair, he's just like a real sweetie pie, was a [CHEF] that ..(742).. so got some really good references and ..(742)... chasing down stairs, and he ..wasn't(?) just a chef, he was like a super chef.

Q: So he's got himself together ..(744)

A: But he's not cheffing at the moment t.. but he's done something. He's not like .. out, he's got off his arse and done something in the past. But the way to my heart is through my belly and all he can cook is nice vegetables.

Q: I was going to say this could be a wonderful relationship. Is he into doing drugs and stuff?

A: Well he has a smoke and that is it, absolutely it. So he's done like mushrooms before and he's done a bit of acid, but he .. do anything else, nothing at all which I think(?) is good.

Q: Is that something that you felt you .. wary of?

A: Oh yes because..

Q: Being involved with drugs as being, certain types of drugs as being..?

A: Yes. Because I was seeing this lad RICK and why he got upset with me because I wasn't(?) affectionate enough. Like we were in th.. and he wanted to sit and hold my hand and have(?) his arm around me and kiss me and I want to be off talking to people.

Q: This is my girlfriend?

A: Yes that was it you know, and tattoo .. dead and RICK'S property. And I want .. talking to friends. And because most of my friends are lads it did his head in but I used to go on, I did too much acid because .. like going on trips which I've stopped doing as well now but that's another story... found out that he was into smack as well .. he never went on his own so it was just ...(761)... and he said to me, right you .. you stop doing smack if I stop doing acid .. I said alright then and I went out with .. friend with the girls and I didn't mean .. I took a trip and then I went round on S..(?) and said – look, you know I'm sorry sort of thing, and he said he's alright you know, had got a bit high ...(766)... and he's there and his friend was round and I look..over ...(767)..... Yes it was not like, oh god, I've got to go on acid, it's just if I have some in a pub or something and wasn't driving then I'd do some and on Saturday night I dropped my friend CONNIE she was out at work in the [NAME OF BUSINESS], and I dropped her off at work Saturday night and I just popped round to some friends in Old Trafford and they were going to Blackpool and they said – come .. trip we are going to Blackpool, so I thought, sod it, and then I did one and I can remember then saying, oh no I wasn't going to do anymore, and I am really not now because .. started the next day I don't feel like eating proper food so I went on chocolate, that .. only thing I can stomach and I feel sick .. I think, god, you know wow, stop it. So t.. stopping that.

Q: So you are cleaning your act up?

A: I am. I have got my head together at the(?) moment so I've got plans and I've got a .. to aim for and if it don't work out in Ibiza it doesn't matter, I'll just come back and .. a job and make some other plans.

Q: It sounds ...(783)... So when are you planning on going to Ibiza?

A: .... in July.

Q: What happens with FRANK in the meantime, what if something started to happen, would that(?) change your plans?

A: No. It's my life and no man interferes.. No I want to do this, so ...(788)... he can come and visit if he wants to.

Q: ..(790)...

A: ..??.. but I'm certainly not intending to go over for the holiday atmosphere, and .. the sex and things because it doesn't appeal to me anymore. Like casual sex really doesn't appeal to me anymore since JUSTIN .. realised you appreciated more if you really care for somebody. Because otherwise it .. a physical act where if you care for somebody(?) it's more and it's ..(796)...

Q: It's as bad as a physical ..(797).... GREG. Oral sex GREG please. That is .. think of all these people, you know, oh .. he's the oral sex one and..

A: ..(801).. he would let me do anything to(?) him, he says, no I want to make you happy, sort of thing.

Q: Fine, yes.

A: And he might be in the Ritz tonight ....(805)... I found out that my friend KATIE, the one that saw JUSTIN before I did ended up seeing GREG and she was saying because they'd seen this old woman and he couldn't get a hard on with anyone else because(?) he was still really hung up on her and that was why he was so good at what he was go...