

LJH9 18.4.89

Age: 16,4; Carib; doing GCSE, planning A levels at college, lives with mother and brother; ma is Jehovah Witness and LJH9 goes to church but does not believe in everything, tho is religious; heterosexual. Ma [ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE], pa [SKILLED TRADE] (not at home).

Hair in little plaits, good looking, wearing lipstick. Didn't notice anything special about her clothing. She seemed a little bit shy, but was rather forthcoming, not at all wary or hostile. She has a group of friends at school, of whom the main one was LJH10 who I interviewed later. Not having a relationship at the moment, broke up in Feb after 8 months. Had a relationship last year that included sex, started having sex when 15. She was having sex to please 'someone else' in the relationship last year, was worried about getting into trouble, kept saying if anything happens to me you've got to stay with me. Commented 'It's not what I wanted do...I don't want to be forced to have sex...it's my body'. Contraception in the first relationship, condom. It was as a result of the prior relationship that she had not wanted sex in the most recent one. Anyway she is busy, has her exams coming up.

Sex ed at school was OK but embarrassing bcs people would not take it seriously, and she felt people would not feel able to ask any questions they really wanted to ask bcs of the comments of others.

Does not smoke, but drinks a little. Has smoked hash and been offered coke, some of the boys she knows sniff coke. Referred to reggae singer who does songs re coke, and how you should not take them. She would not have anything to do with it.

First heard re 'new killer disease' about three years ago on tv, heard that it came from Africa and people were having sex with green monkeys, which idea did not appeal to her. Now thinks it comes from homosexuals, blood transfusions, shared needles.

Works in [FAST FOOD RESTAURANT] at the weekend, wants to go to college to do sociology, law and psychology. Wants to be a solicitor. But is also toying with the idea of the media, a couple of her relatives are involved in media, tv (performers, dancers).

Was thrown out of her previous school because she got picked on a lot, so started to fight back and kept getting suspended. Then got in with 'the tough girls, so no-one could pick on me' then they started doing bad things so I followed 'em'. Seems to have adjusted to this school, they put her on trial for 3 months, but said she was OK after a month and a half.

She lives with ma and younger brother 10, who suffers from [HEALTH CONDITION], has a machine from the hospital at home, it can be that bad. So he is very spoiled, and she thinks he is putting it on sometimes.

Is interested in being interviewed next year, and will keep a diary for us. Gave her address on the qr.