

**NMC12 Simone****RT 23/5/89** (in my office)

1. 18 yrs old, ESW, went to catholic 2ndary school in [PLACE] ([NAME OF SCHOOL]) only came out with a few low grade CSE's, went to college and now is doing 'A' levels and GCSE's. Lives at home with her Mum, who she doesn't get on with. Catholic but not practicing, heterosexual.

2. Very small, pretty, trendy. Long dark straight hair, very pale skin, wearing 501's and a black top. Quiet but relaxed and forthcoming in the interview. Didn't seem to get embarrassed. Has strongly emerging feminist ideas.

3. After the interview we went for a cup of tea and a chat. She was very interested in the research and we talked a lot about it, we also discussed sexism and feminism, in terms of whether she would identify with it.

4. SEX ED: Minimum at school (Catholic). One lesson on frogs and one on humans but no mention of contraception. Got no information from her Mum who is very strict and anti-sex on the basis of 'don't make the same mistake as me' (got pregnant and had to marry preventing her from becoming a teacher). Her sex ed was left to chats with girlfriends and from reading. Read a book of her Mums on STD's when younger where she learnt much.

AIDS: They had a brief and hurried talk on AIDs at school, where they were told what you couldn't catch it from — no mention of condoms or safe sex. Most of her info on AIDS comes from the media, she thought the coverage on tv etc. was pretty useless.

RISK: Has had one sexual relationship. They started out using condoms and then stopped using them. She didn't like using them so they started having unprotected sex. We talked about why this happened, she knew how you get pregnant but wasn't worried that she would get pregnant as she could not imagine herself being pregnant. Quite well informed about AIDS and has strong views on the lack of knowledge/ understanding in her peer group about HIV and AIDS. Says that their behaviour hasn't changed at all. They don't think that it can happen to people like them. She thinks that everybody is at risk from AIDS and she will demand, not request, her next partner to use a condom.

SAFE SEX: Condoms- Then we had an interesting chat about female sexuality, orgasms and differences between men and women.

RELATIONSHIPS/SEXUALITY/PEER GROUP: Has had one sexual relationship. She says she used him to get rid of her virginity as she was being labelled unnormal/ frigid because she wasn't showing enough interest in boys. Doesn't want a sexual relationship with the boys she knows because they are all 'thick and sexist'. We talked quite a lot about young men's sexism and got some very good stuff on the regulation of women's sexuality and the exercise of male power through reputations and getting called. Good stuff on sexism of playground.

She has a bad relationship with her mother, she seems to really hate her as mother is protective and bitter. Good relationship with her uncle as he encourages her in her career ambitions. She isn't too interested in relationships at the moment as they disrupt her studies. She wants to be a journalist.

