

**BT14 Lisa**  
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Irish, aged 19, Pentecostal (full time religious, father is a minister), works IN TELECOM in Manchester. Getting married in October to MICHAEL who is 22. Both are each other's first sexual partners. MICHAEL converted to Christian.

Long blonde hair in a ponytail. Glasses, jeans and jumper. Very friendly and open, seemed to find it easy to talk about herself although she hadn't had much practice. Feels that she has been left out in her family, brother and sister are always the centre of attention. Lots of problems embedded deeply in the family.

Sexuality: She and both her sisters were sexually abused by an uncle when they were younger. Family didn't 'believe' her story although they seem to have believed her sisters. She says this is because hers wasn't so serious. She only remembered what happened to her when she started a sexual relationship. Very religious and pious family, she is scared to say she remembers in case she gives away that she is sexually active. Has never talked to sisters about it. Father seems to admit that the abuse happened although no real recourse was taken against the uncle (who told the father that there was approval for incest in the bible. Uncle is Irish and living in N. Ireland ref incest problem in NI is notorious.) Mother will not mention it along with many other 'dark secrets'. BT14 thinks that her mother may have been abused in the past. BT14 'remembered' when her relationship with MICHAEL first became physical. Very difficult time for her but MICHAEL seems to have given her a lot of support. Through this support, writing poetry and praying she says she has slowly managed to deal with it. Has remembered exactly what happened etc. talked about the effect that it has had on her view of men. Was terrified of men and their bodies. Seems to have got over this with her boyfriend. He taught her about her body, eg. what a clitoris was which she did not know before.

AIDS: Boyfriend was very worried about AIDS, no basis for fears but paranoid due to guilt about masturbation. She took him off to the doctors to be reassured. Feels that there is not enough clear guidance on AIDS if this can happen. Doesn't feel at risk personally as this is her only sexual partner and vice versa (except for the abuse). Discussed AIDS re: religion too, has quite liberal views although thinks that homosexuality is wrong.

CONDOMS: Her and bf use condoms although they have not had sex for 10 months due to the inconvenience. Had a lot of unprotected sex at first as they were too scared to go and buy condoms, finally he bought them from a snooker club. They have both now got over their embarrassment. We had a long chat after the tape was turned off about the abuse and especially about her sisters need for counselling. I've sent TABOO numbers, she says she'll send me some of her poems. Told me I was only person other than boyfriend who she has told about abuse.