

LSFS12/13

These were two YTS trainee painters and decorators. They said they'd be interviewed and came back at the appointed time to say they'd changed their minds. It was only really after about 15 minutes of talking and persuasion by me and [NAME OF TEACHER] (who teaches the childcare course there), that they agreed to doing an interview together. Both wearing white painters overalls - LSFS12 is taller with shoulder length blonde hair tied back, square face. Wearing sweatshirt and jeans under overalls. Quite confident and talkative. Both laughed a lot throughout the interview. They are friends from their schooldays, both aged 17. Went to the same girls school, and had the same sex education classes, which seemed quite good. They had this in Health and First Aid lessons, and saw videos on AIDS etc.

LSFS12 is smaller and plumper with shoulder length light brown hair. A bit quieter than LSFS13 although her friend had described her as 'bubbly'. She was a bit more embarrassed about answering Qs on sexual behaviour. She's 'going steady' with her boyfriend, even though she's only been with him for 2 weeks. But she says she thinks it's serious because they get on so well, have so much in common, talk such a lot. Thinks they may live together by the end of the year by which time she'll be 18. He's 23 and does [CARPENTRY]. She doesn't have a sexual relationship with him. She's only had one sexual experience, which was forced sex, when she was 16, something that her family keeps quiet about. She's not been with anyone else since, and says she's a bit nervous of being touched, not ready for sex yet. Her boyfriend says this is okay, they can wait until she's ready. She is Catholic and thinks that she shouldn't use anything for sex anyway, but her boyfriend should.

LSFS13 is engaged - she showed me her ring - to her boyfriend of 17 who she's known for 3 months. Doesn't know when they'll marry. Like LSFS12, she has only had one sexual experience, and that was forced sex, in a car, with someone who at least used a condom. Hasn't done it since. Says she's not ready to have it with her fiancé. They do just kissing and cuddling. Says also that there is nowhere at either his home or hers to 'do it', but says she wouldn't do it anyway. Says she wouldn't go on the Pill because it's not good to be on it a lot, would use condoms.

Both said that their boyfriends wanted to go away with them for weekends so that they could be alone together.

Say they are aware of AIDS but they didn't give the impression of being overly concerned about it really. More concerned about pregnancy.