

MBS04 (RT)

INTERVIEWER: So first thing, can you tell me where you live, who you are living with at home?

INTERVIEWEE: I live in Moston with my mum and dad, brother and sister. My sister is seventeen and my brother is nine.

INTERVIEWER: So you are in the middle. And how do you get on at home?

INTERVIEWEE: OK.

INTERVIEWER: So you are planning to stay at home for a while?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Tell me about your parents. How much freedom do they give you in terms of what you want to do?

INTERVIEWEE: I can go out when I want as long as I am back in time for my tea and things.

INTERVIEWER: Do they try and make you do your homework in the evenings?

INTERVIEWEE: No. I just do it myself.

INTERVIEWER: Do you get on well with them, you don't argue with your mum and dad?

INTERVIEWEE: Not too much no.

INTERVIEWER: Do you find it easy to talk to them about things that are important to you?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: They take those things seriously?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: What are you doing at school at the moment. Are you doing GCSE's?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: What are you taking?

INTERVIEWEE: Biology, Cooking, English, Maths, and Typing.

INTERVIEWER: Right so that's five. And you put on your questionnaire that you were going to go and work in a bank?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Tell me about that?

INTERVIEWEE: Well I wrote off to them for the YTS for the bank and they wrote back saying that it's a YTS and I am thinking of going to [NAME OF BUSINESS], being a secretary.

INTERVIEWER: So did you get a job with the bank first and then they told you it was a YTS afterwards?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: It's a bit shade of them isn't it. So you'll be on £26.50 a week for two years?

INTERVIEWEE: Two years.

INTERVIEWER: So that's not a very good deal then. Which bank was that?

INTERVIEWEE: [NAME OF BANKS].

INTERVIEWER: How come you thought of a bank in the first place?

INTERVIEWEE: There's a notice board about jobs so.

INTERVIEWER: What at school?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes. Addresses from there and I wrote off for the application.

INTERVIEWER: So why did you want to work in a bank?

INTERVIEWEE: I just thought I'd like the work they do, being a secretary.

INTERVIEWER: Is it quite well paid?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you know how much you would have got if you hadn't been on a YTS?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know how much it would have been.

INTERVIEWER: But there is quite good promotion prospects aren't there?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So if you worked at [NAME OF BUSINESS], would that be, you said secretarial, would there be any prospects in that for you?

INTERVIEWEE: They said there would, yes. Afterwards.

INTERVIEWER: And what do you think, have you any ambitions as to what you want to do when you are older?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: You've not really thought about it? Take it step by step.

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So how do you enjoy school?

INTERVIEWEE: It's OK.

INTERVIEWER: You can be honest with me, don't worry. The other thing is anything you say on here is completely confidential, no one else will hear it. So you don't mind school then?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Are you working hard for your exams?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: You are taking them seriously. Is it a small number out of fifth year that are going on?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So what do you think makes you different, people staying on and do their GCSE's and people who don't?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: Are most of the people who are staying, are they your friends anyway?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes, some of them, yes but some of them have left to get jobs though.

INTERVIEWER: And what sort of jobs have they gone into?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know. One has gone into shop work, another has gone to a solicitors.

INTERVIEWER: So you knew you wanted to say and take your exams?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think you might want to go on to higher education, go on to college?

INTERVIEWEE: No I just want to get a job.

INTERVIEWER: Why is that then, what makes you want to go and start working?

INTERVIEWEE: To get some money.

INTERVIEWER: Right. You haven't really thought about going on. Can I ask you some questions about the type sex and health education you got at school? Is this the one secondary school you've been to?

INTERVIEWEE: I went to another one in [NAME OF TOWN] near Rochdale.

INTERVIEWER: So you've moved then from Rochdale to Moston?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So how come you moved from Rochdale to Moston?

INTERVIEWEE: We wanted a bigger house.

INTERVIEWER: I see. And how long ago was that?

INTERVIEWEE: About four years.

INTERVIEWER: So you have been here most of the time. So can you remember what you did in sex education, what sex education you had?

INTERVIEWEE: Well we are doing it in biology.

INTERVIEWER: And how do they present it in biology?

INTERVIEWEE: They have this book, she tells us about it and then we have to work through this book later.

INTERVIEWER: Do you get a chance to ask questions?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do people want to ask questions?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Are they too embarrassed?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: If there was somewhere you could ask questions so people didn't know who had asked the questions, do you think they would have wanted to ask?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes I think so.

INTERVIEWER: What sort of things do you think people wanted to know about, that they didn't talk about?

INTERVIEWEE: Things like contraception.

INTERVIEWER: They didn't talk about contraception?

INTERVIEWEE: Well a bit.

INTERVIEWER: Did they talk about homosexuality?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Would you have been interested to talk about that?

INTERVIEWEE: We did do about AIDS in PSE. We all knew about it from that.

INTERVIEWER: Tell me what you did about AIDS in PSE. What did you do about it?

INTERVIEWEE: We watched videos on how you could get it and how you couldn't.

INTERVIEWER: So what type of people do you think could get it?

INTERVIEWEE: If you had a cut and it could go into the cut.

INTERVIEWER: You don't think it's just gay people who get it?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: It used to be seen by a lot of people that it was just gay people who got it. Do you think around here, people that you might know might have it?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: Would you worry about it?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: It does. Have you heard of HIV?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you know what the difference between HIV and AIDS is?

INTERVIEWEE: Not properly no.

INTERVIEWER: Was it mentioned in the stuff that you did, in the films that you watched?

INTERVIEWEE: I think one is worse than the other one.

INTERVIEWER: Which is worse than the other one?

INTERVIEWEE: HIV.

INTERVIEWER: HIV is worse than AIDS? Well HIV is the virus and AIDS is the condition that you end up with. So if someone is HIV positive it doesn't mean that they are safe, it doesn't mean they can't pass it on. So what ways do you think they are to protect yourself against it from what you learned so far?

INTERVIEWEE: Well use condoms. That's all.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think you would be able to buy them or ask a partner to use one?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Why, what do you think is difficult?

INTERVIEWEE: Well in the shops. If everyone is around.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think you would be able to buy if they were in ladies' toilets and things like that?

INTERVIEWEE: I think I would yes. As long as there weren't many people around.

INTERVIEWER: Yes. Do you think it would be able to, when it says use a condom who do you think it's talking to, is it talking to the girls, or is it talking to the boys?

INTERVIEWEE: Talking to the boys.

INTERVIEWER: So you would expect the boys to take responsibility then. Did you see any of the programmes on television when there was a week with a lot of programmes about AIDS, did you see them?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Apart from what you have heard about at school where else have you heard about AIDS from?

INTERVIEWEE: Just posters, in the doctors.

INTERVIEWER: Did your doctor talk to you about it?

INTERVIEWEE: No. They are on the wall.

INTERVIEWER: Oh right. So what type of things were on the posters?

INTERVIEWEE: Just telling you how to use a condom.

INTERVIEWER: So you didn't get a chance to see the programmes on TV?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you ever talk to your friends about AIDS?

INTERVIEWEE: Not really.

INTERVIEWER: So would you say people round here, people that you know are they aware of it?

INTERVIEWEE: I think they are but they don't just talk about it.

INTERVIEWER: So you really don't have discussions about it. So you said you haven't had a sexual relationship with a boy, by that you haven't have a relationship where you have had intercourse, is that what you mean?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Have you had relationships, have you had boyfriends, I don't know how far you have gone with them but have you had relationships with boyfriends or not?

INTERVIEWEE: I have yes.

INTERVIEWER: Well what sort of things would you do with those boyfriends in terms of things like petting, do you not feel happy with any of those things yet?

INTERVIEWEE: No not in that way.

INTERVIEWER: And why do you think that is?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: It's just that you are not interested at the moment?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think there is a pressure on you to get involved with boys and to sleep with them?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Where do you think the pressure comes from?

INTERVIEWEE: My mum and dad.

INTERVIEWER: And do they try to encourage you to have a boyfriend?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So what do they say. Do they say they think you should have one?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: That's strange, its usually the other way round. Why do you think they are doing that?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think that there is a feeling that you are supposed to rush into that type of thing? That you are sixteen and that you should be. What I'm getting at, because we are quite interested in looking at the issue of virginity and when young women lose their virginity and when you don't lose your virginity and why it is, the reasons for it. Because it changes, when I was your age it was quite different, because it seems that there is a public view, if you are at one school there is usually a general view whether it's good or it's bad to be a virgin, that type of thing. And you get a lot of pressure from your peers and from your friends and from a lot of different people about it, so what is it like here?

INTERVIEWEE: It's not bad. It's not like that here.

INTERVIEWER: So you don't have pressure from your friends that you should be sexually active now. What do you feel about it then, are you planning to leave it until you get married or how do you see your future in that way with sexual relationships?

INTERVIEWEE: Well I don't want to go into it early. Probably when I'm older sometime.

INTERVIEWER: So you are not really interested at the moment. When you think about your future in that way, and think about relationships, do you ever think about AIDS as being an issue then?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: You do. And what do you think about it? Does it make you worry about the future in terms of sex, does it make it difficult?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think that people are now becoming afraid of sex?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't think they are that worried about it?

INTERVIEWER: What would you do then, would you ask anybody to use a condom or have safe sex with you, do you think if you were having a sexual relationship you would do that?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: And you wouldn't feel embarrassed about having to do that?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Have your parents told you anything about contraception or anything like that?

INTERVIEWEE: No. Just from like in biology or PSE.

INTERVIEWER: So you don't talk to your mum about that or give you advice?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you wish she did?

INTERVIEWEE: Well I've learned it from school. I'm not really bothered.

INTERVIEWER: So you don't feel you are missing something out. So have they mentioned anything to you about AIDS, your parents?

INTERVIEWEE: They just told me about an open cut. Just to keep it covered up.

INTERVIEWER: What do your parents do?

INTERVIEWEE: My dad works and mum doesn't have a job.

INTERVIEWER: She stays at home. Has he come into contact with, has he had AIDS training at work?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: So you don't know what their attitude is about it. You have never had a discussion with him about it. So the only information you have got so far about AIDS is being what you heard in your PSE lessons at school. Do you think you have got enough information?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: So you are quite happy that you are not in the dark about anything?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Would you know of oral sex, whether it's risky?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think you need more details about that type of stuff or would you not be interested in oral sex?

INTERVIEWEE: I'm not really interested at the moment.

INTERVIEWER: So you only want to know as much as you need at the moment then?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: If you wanted to find out more, say if you were in the situation where maybe perhaps you knew someone who had it or you were going to have a relationship and you wanted to know about something like oral sex is dangerous, would you know how to find out?

INTERVIEWEE: No not really.

INTERVIEWER: Would you know who to ask?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't really know.

INTERVIEWER: So you would want it to be in something general like advertising.

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: The boys that you know, do you all hang around in a big group with boys?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: You don't have any boys as friends?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you know if boys are worried, or don't you know any, if they are worried about AIDS, are they taking it seriously?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know really.

INTERVIEWER: What do you do with your spare time, what you do when you go out, where do you go?

INTERVIEWEE: I just go to the pictures or go skating on a Sunday.

INTERVIEWER: Where is that?

INTERVIEWEE: Roller City in Rochdale.

INTERVIEWER: So you spend most of your time.?

INTERVIEWEE: I've got a Saturday job on Saturdays.

INTERVIEWER: And where do you work?

INTERVIEWEE:in the kitchen.

INTERVIEWER: So that makes some money to go out at the weekend.

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you go out with a group of girls then?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Are these friends from school?

INTERVIEWEE: From round our way.

INTERVIEWER: Do you tend to mix with people in your area then, that's where most of your friends come from?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: And what are your friends doing now, have they left school?

INTERVIEWEE: No, they are still at school.

INTERVIEWER: Are they the same age as you?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: What do they think they will be doing when they finish?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know, I've not really asked them.

INTERVIEWER: Do you go out to clubs and pubs and things like that?

INTERVIEWEE: No. I'm frightened I wouldn't be able to get in.

INTERVIEWER: Would you like to?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do you feel you are really missing out in not being able to go?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Do some of your friends go into pubs?

INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: What is it that makes you want to go to pubs?

INTERVIEWEE: I don't know.

INTERVIEWER: The next stage on I suppose. It's also a way of meeting boys. I remember that's why I always wanted to go to pubs. To meet boys. So you don't drink or things like that?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Do you smoke?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Would you say you ever get into trouble at all, or take any risks, or things like that?

INTERVIEWEE: No.

INTERVIEWER: Would you like to?

INTERVIEWEE: Sometimes yes.

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