

MYC04 SS with Kelly and Jacqueline 17/01/89

S: I've looked at your questionnaire, but a..

K: They're about the same anyway.

S: Which was.., which was yours? Well in fact they possibly.. Talk to KELLY and just sort of butt in and say things when you want to if that's ok, because it's impossible to try to influence anything. You said on the questionnaire that you live with your Mum and Dad and, is it three brothers?

K: Yeah. No, no.

S: No, that's not right.

K: I've not got a Dad. I live with me Mam and I've got seven brothers.

S: Seven brothers, I knew there were a lot of brothers.

(Laughter.)

S: Blimey. What do I say to that. So where do you fit in the age range?

K: Um.. About the middle.

S: Yeah.

K: There's ten see. I've got three younger than me.

S: And then some of the older ones; have some of those ones left home?

K: Yeah. All of them.

S: So what's it like being in the middle? Does it make it easier? Have they got away with things or done things in the past?

K: Oh I get away with everything.

J: (Giggle.)

S: Yeah it's like they've sort of tried it on, and your Mum's given up. I think we .. I don't want to go over the questionnaire exactly but we asked on the questionnaire what you'd done at school in terms of sex education, and stuff. Were you in the same class?

K: Yeah

J: Yeah. Same school and that.

S: So what I mean, what sort of things did you do?

K: Well, when we was in the third year AIDS had just come, that AIDS thing had come out. They massed all the school and said like we want everyone in for a talk and like every PG lesson for PG we used to have um talks with art.

S: Art?

K: The art teacher. And they brought us leaflets and all that about AIDS.

S: So the talks were all about AIDS.

K: Yeah.

J: And then we had, we watched a film.

S: What was the film like, do you remember?

J: I can't remember. I don't think I went to it.

K: It was third year, it was, some watched it and some didn't. And then they just stopped doing it all together.

S: So that was third year and you're in the fifth form now.

K: Yeah. That was third year.

S: It's difficult. I can't remember films I saw two weeks ago never mind two years ago. But did, did those discussions tell you things you didn't know already, did they help you to...kind of sort things out.

K: Yeah. A bit. They didn't help a lot. They just, cos it was just something you joked about.

(INTERRUPTION. Lots of laughter.)

S: So, do you think, do you think that the people, like the teachers and stuff that were talking to you, do you think they took it seriously. At the time.

K and J: Yeah.

S: But how..

K: We even had the head master, like, some teachers wouldn't take it cos of religions and stuff like that and so..

S: What, they didn't like to talk about sex at all?

K: Yeah. And even the head master had to take a few forms, and he never takes anybody so.. And it was all the time, assemblies and all that.

S: And were they trying to get across to you that it was something that might effect you? Something that..

K: No not really. Just be careful.

S: What does 'be careful' mean?

J: It means what you're doing.

K: It's don't, don't like sleep around and if you do use contraceptives and stuff like that.

S: Any contraceptives?

K: There was different like condoms and that. Yeah, leaflets on that, and things like, it was stupid..

S: I'm trying to remember back to the sort of sex education I had at school.

J: We've not had that much really.

S: We had virtually nothing, we had one, one film on periods and one film on pregnancy. We didn't talk about what happened in between. At all. So maybe you had a bit, a bit more than I did. I don't know..um..so come back to that in a bit. Are you doing GCSEs?

K: Yeah.

(Here J said something I couldn't hear [053])

K: I don't know.

S: So when will it be decided how many you get to do?

K: Um.. in the next few weeks, won't it?

J: When they've marked everything, and sorted it all out.

S: So do you feel like you're just waiting for people to make decisions about you?

K: Yeah.

S: That's dreadful.

K: It is.

S: Do you think that they should just let you do as many as you want?

K: Yeah.

S: How many would that be?

(Door slammed.)

S: Moves fast doesn't he? How many subjects would that be?

K: About 10 is it? No, 9.

J: 7.

K: 7..um 7.

(Pause.)

S: And then what happens?

K: You have to go look for a job.

J: Yeah.

K: Then we do our final ones, and whatever we get in them..

S: So is there something that you'd like to do? You're definitely going to leave, you're not going to go on?

K: Um yeah we're definitely leaving. I don't know whether, I want to work in a travel agents, or...I've been offered a job already on the markets. Three days a week but I don't know whether I want to do that, I'd rather go and get a permanent job like. YTS someat like that. But the money'd be better than on YTS so I'm stuck at the moment.

S: The money on the YTS is dreadful, isn't it? It's just about better than nothing I suppose. What sort of YTS schemes are there around?

K: You can do that travel and tourism, for...um you can go to college one day a week and for the rest you're...um in the tour/travel agents.

J: Travel agents.

S: I worked in a travel agents. My aunt used to manage a travel agency. I used to work for her when I was at school. Quite interesting. You get these dreadful people who all they care about is their holiday, they just can't think about anything else. Just demand all the time..So what interests you about travel?

J: I don't know.

K: I get travel sick anyway. It just seems an interesting job, don't it?

S: What do you want to do. You're doing typing at school aren't you?

J: I'm not very good at it.

S: There's only one way to get better I think. Doing it for three pounds an hour.

K: That's .. .

S: And will you do a YTS for that?

J: I'm gonna try and get straight into a job.

K: Try and get straight into a job and then if you can't get a job you've gotta go to start instead at college and they send you out on placements and that...That's how it goes, yeah.

S: Have you got any long-term plans? What you'd like to do, what you think you'll be doing.

K: Don't know. I've got no idea at the moment, stuck.

S: That's probably alright. Nothing wrong with that...Got any ideas?

J: None at all.

S: No ambitions to get married and have children?

K: No.

(J giggles.)

K: Not copying in me Mam's footsteps, no way.

(Laughter.)

S: Why's that?

(J+ K talk together unintelligibly. [094])

S: Too exhausting.

(Then they say something else.)

S: So you're both part of the same kind of group at school?

K: Yeah.

(INTERRUPTION)

S: So what kind of things do you do? Apart from coming down here. Now we've got the sex out.

K: We go out sometimes at the weekends. During the week it's mostly pretty boring.

S: So where do you go when you go out at the weekends?

K: Well...um the Museum, do you know it? At the top i'n't it. It's a pub.

S: No, I don't live round here.

(INTERRUPTION)

K: He's mad him.

S: You were saying about the..So you've got the pub and here.

J: Yeah well Tuesday and Thursday we go out.

K: Wednesday it's keep fit, i'n't it?

J: Monday and Friday..

K: It's usually .. at our house. But always somewhere.

S: There's always something every night.

J: Not really much round here though.

K: We've got.. what have we got? (Laughing.)

S: You don't ever get into town.

J: No.

S: So they don't have somewhere in the pub for like the underage?

K: Yeah.

S: I'm not checking up on you.

J: We used to go in the Farmyard.. They won't let.. They used to all be the same but then they'd only serve us the orange.

K: And then they'd serve us with beer again.

J: And then..

K: They won't serve us.

J: At all. And now they won't let us in the pub.

K: Unless we've got um, what d'ye call it?

J: I.D.

S: Identification.

K: I.D. So we just go in the Museum. That's where we get to.

S: Are they quite close together those two?

K: Yeah.

J: It's on Upper Road.(?)

S: It's not...I was just thinking whether the police were hassling them. So you think they hassle both equally?

K: Yeah.

J: But that one up there where we do go to now, that one gets raided by the police more often. Than the one we went to.

K: It gets raided nearly every week that but they just walk round...um they don't..

J: They say, 'finish your drinks'.

K: It's just half the timing, they're not looking for kids.

S: Yeah, so do you drink?

K: No not really.

J: I hardly ever go out.

K: I wouldn't, like, you go in and I'd like one and then you go .. wouldn't I.

J: It's only on a Sunday that I can go out.

S: So why don't you drink, because it's expensive or all sorts of reasons?

J: It doesn't interest me.

K: Because if you get drunk it's just stupid and you're just falling about.

S: And you see other people being stupid.

K: It's not worth it really.

J: You can have a laugh about it so, I prefer to have it without because you just say stupid things and you always end up in arguments.

S: Sounds very sensible to me.

(Laughter.)

S: Wish I'd thought like that. Saved myself a lot.. So do you have friends and people that you know that do drink a lot?

K: Yeah. SAM.

J: Yeah, SAM. She drinks a lot.

K: She gets Bacardi, bottles of Bacardi every night. She's like an alcoholic at her age and she drinks it at school and all sorts, stuff like that.

J: But she's cut down now hasn't she?

K: Yeah.

J: She had something wrong with her liver.

K: She had a liver disease.

S: It's no wonder if she's drinking bottles of Bacardi.

J: So she had to give it up. She was really bad with it. She can drink like a bottle now and it don't really, it would make her drunk but not out of her head. Because she's drunk that much of it.

S: Blimey. So did, when you were younger did you still drink, to try it out.

K: Yeah ... (157)

J: Every weekend, wa'n't it?

S: You gave yourself hangovers and things. Did you feel that you were doing something.. Why did you do it? Tell me that.

K: To be good and to try it out and act hard in front of me mates...and all different.. Mad really.

J: It's that boring round here that you've just got to find something to do.

K: It's only here that it's any good and it's only because it's got music.

S: Because nobody hassles you.

J: Yeah.

K: They just let you do what you want.

S: I was asking you about drink because I'm sort of interested in..

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: Just thinking in terms of the risks that people take, there's a lot of fuss in the papers and stuff about young people drinking a lot and I don't know what they mean by a lot. It depends who's saying it what they mean, some older people think that if you're underage you shouldn't drink at all. Is there anything that you do that you think is risky in any way?

K: Some of them have but none of us have.

S: Yeah. What sorts of things? I'm not asking you to tell me who.

J: Intercourse.

K: Well some have had intercourse and some have just helped it somewhat and things like that.

(Laughter.)

S: There isn't any delicate way of putting it is there really?

K: Things like that really, I wouldn't.

S: Do you see all of that as risky?

K: Yeah.

J: Not all of it.

K: No not all of it.

S: So, where would you draw the line?

K: The bottom.

(Laughter.)

K: See, there's no way.

S: So you draw the line straight away. So tell me why that is, why you've decided that's sort of...safer.

K: Well I just..

J: The other parts aren't that...I can't really...You get into more trouble whoever you know down there but if..

(Laughter.)

S: You're putting it very well. Because you're worried about getting carried away, are you?

J: Yeah, getting carried away.

K: Yeah. All lads are the same anyway.

J: Just got one thing on their minds, haven't they?

S: Is that right.

K: Some haven't and some have. ..

J: Some have got respect for you.

K: Some have learnt their lesson.

S: How come?

K: Well there's a girl down there and she used to go out with a lad and he used to always, you know, mess about with her and that but now he won't touch her at all. He just goes with her and that's it. Not intercourse, just kisses her like.

S: Um, so why have they stopped?

K: I think it's because he likes her more and respects her more now than he did. Because she wa'n't going out with him before she was just seeing him on nights and that but like now she's like proper going out with him.

S: So now they've got a relationship.

J: Yeah.

S: That's interesting. The way that people talk about sex means that it's like this line isn't it, you go so far and then you go a bit further and then you actually do it and there's no going back, once you've done it.

K: Some think it's alright if you've been going with a boy for ages but I still don't see.. it is, I suppose if I was older but not now because I want a career and that first, I want to do something before I start settling down and stuff like that. Before I make me mind up to get pregnant.

S: So is that what stops you when you come down to it?

K: It's not worth thinking about them because they just up off and leave, you've got to think about yourself.

S: They do have a tendency to do that. Do you feel the same, JACQUELINE?

J: Definitely.

S: So when you say older, what do you mean, how old?

K: Well I always say 25 to these but that's a joke. I don't know, I'll just see what I want to see, I want to go on a holiday first and enjoy meself before.

S: So when you said about settling down what do you think, if you did start having sex with a boy in a serious way, would that be settled? That would be the same as settling down.

K: No. I don't know really but I'd like to get to know him first. Cos like some people say that they really like him but they can't do if they've never been with him before and that's why they do it. Cos our NATALIE was telling me the other night about a girl that was going with a lad, she'd been going with him for 9 months and she'd done everything; so it must have taken her some time to do that, the 9 months is just an excuse really.

(Laughter.)

S: I'm not quite sure what you mean.

K: Like she'd been going out with a lad for 9, and she said to NATALIE, she tells NATALIE everything like this girl and she's from NATALIE's school, everything what she's done. And like NAT, NATALIE thinks it's alright what she's done because she's been going out with him 9 months, but it must have been before the 9 months that he'd done it. So that she's just using it as an excuse to get out of it.

S: Right I see what you mean, I'm with you. So you don't think it's time that's important, it's what you want.

K: Yeah. If you really liked him I suppose then yeah, if you knew that he was gonna stay with you and that but you can never be sure. So it's not worth taking the risk is it?

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: Do you go out with boys?

J: Yeah.

K: Yeah. Used to. Yeah we go out with them and that but all they've got in mind now is to have sex and things like that so it's not worth it.

S: Are these lads your own age?

J: No not really, some are older.

K: No they're not really, some are 16, some are 17, some are 15 nearly 16, like a year..

S: So you don't really mind lads that are older than that?

K: Yeah, we do. Like, we see older lads and that, like me friend, she's going out with a 19 year old and she's just 15. Like if it's 30 because that's two age groups. There's us and them, we hang about together but, when we're in the pub we mix with older, our older brothers and their friends and girls like that. Thousands of them all together, there's loads.

S: So it's not like..

K: ... Not just a few.

S: So have you been out with anybody for more than just a night?

J: Yeah.

K: Yeah.

S: Both of you have. How long?

J: My lad was a year-and-a-half.

S: Gosh.

K: A month. (Laughing.) I can't stick with them, they bore me, I prefer to be free, cos I hate being tied. I don't mind just going with them and then like a few nights later going with them again, you know but I don't want to be going out with them and got to see them every night. It just bores me. It's the same with girlfriends.

S: So what.. Sounds quite sensible to me. I'm trying to remember what life was like when I was your age. Very boring.

J: Yeah. It is.

S: Is it that they don't talk about anything much at school.

K: It's just all they want to do is go with you; some lads you can talk to but they're the ones that you never usually go with. You usually get on better with your friends' boyfriends than you do your own.

S: And why do you think that is?

K: Because like they're shy. Girls are the same cos if I'm ever going out with a lad I couldn't talk to him but I could talk to say her boyfriend.

J: I don't know why, you just feel daft talking to them, don't you?

K: Yeah, in case like they slip up and say something stupid and you don't mind it's just..



S: It's interesting isn't it because usually if you spend time with somebody what you want to do is chat and yet there's this.. So you feel as though you're on show, kind of thing?

J: Yeah.

K: Yeah ... .

S: So this year-and-a-half, how did you manage that?

K: It was in junior school.

J: It was in junior school.

K: But then it was 9 months, then she's always had like ... boyfriends apart from one which is ..., he keeps messing girls about.

J: It's not worth it.

S: So what do you do in that sort of situation?

K: She still likes him, but..

S: You wish you didn't?

J: Yeah.

K: You see he says that he likes JACQUELINE, but he says that he don't want to go with her none at the moment. But then he's going out with a girl and he finishes with her, then he's going out with one of them sort of people. But he's a dead nice person, you wouldn't think of him like that, he's dead clever in school and he's a dead nice lad. But it's just the way he is with girls. I don't think he can cope with just one girlfriend.

S: Maybe he's frightened he won't have anything to say?

K: Yeah.

S: He won't know what to talk about..So at school you go to a mixed?

K and J: Yeah.

S: It's always been mixed.

K and J: Yeah.

S: So do you get any hassle from lads at school.

K: We don't really because we're like the top group in school you know. I don't mean 5th year but like no-one would say anything because they'd get their heads kicked in off them and no girls would say anything to them because we'd fancy them. Do you see what I mean?

J: They are like.. although we hang about with them outside school they hang about within school.

K: It's just .. (300) and that's like why we always get in trouble with teachers.

S: How many is there?

K: There's like 9 girls, 10 girls.

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: Lots of them, how many of them.

K: There's about, in school there's about 14 girls but out of school there's about 10 who hang around together: cos like ELIZABETH, SAM, all them, they're in school with us and like the lads..

J: The lads.. in school there's like 7, outside there's more.

K: Yeah.

S: So they're like .. girls.

J: Yeah. But sometimes you stop hanging about with them.

K: Like we only ever really see them in here or in the pub and the other time we're just like split but..

J: Like we used to always see them every night..

K: Every night we used to hang about with them and go round the park and that but we've sort of split off with them now. Like we have boyfriends and they get girlfriends.

S: And they're different.

K: Yeah.

S: So are there any lads that you would say are just friends?

K: Them out there to me they're our friends, I wouldn't want to go with any of them and like they all go on with a lot of our friends. I wish they'd stop that.

(Banging outside)

K: Alright, I always have crushes me. I never stay on one person every week I change; I'm one of them.

S: Isn't that half the fun?

K: It is. I fancied a lad out there right and I got to go with him and I went off him and I fancied another one and got to go with him and went off him and I liked another one and it just goes on like that.

S: So when you fancy somebody is it how they look or is it..

K: I dunno, it's someat about.. you see it was one of them and he's 19 and he's me brother's best mate and he's like a brother to me, he's always in the house and that, but there was someat about him over Christmas that I really liked.

S: It's funny isn't it when you notice something new about someone that you've known for..

K: I've known him since I was a little kid, we grew up with her family.

J: Yeah.

K: And I just ended up going with him at Christmas and I liked him, so I went with him for 3 nights after that. And now I don't really like him. At all. I just prefer him as a friend again now.

S: You say he's your brother's friend, how would your brother feel about that?

K: Well he don't bother because he goes with some of these, it's like that. They feel stupid when they go with younger girls but we're all dead old (?), dead close: and they're like the top groups so nobody'd say anything to them. The top group at [NAME OF SCHOOL] you know. It's mad really. It's dead stupid. Like this lad I'm talking about, no-one would mess about with him because he was hanging about with us. And we hang about with them.

S: Anyway it's quite usual isn't it for lads to go out with younger girls?

K: Yeah, it is usual but like..

S: There's still sort of..

K: Yeah it's because some of them are going with.. yeah.. it used to be like that but it's worn off now I think. It's just go with who you want.

S: And the people that you hang around with.. If I came into your school would I be able to tell about who, or where..

K: Yeah, it's the way we act. There's girls and they write things in the toilets like, 'all them and them are them ..' and then when we go up and say it start crying to the teachers, it's just that no-one would dare say anything to anybody. Cos you don't get any friends that way really, well it's.. you feel safer. Because I know I could just walk home from here and no girls would jump me because they know that they'd get their heads kicked in if they did. And like the lads feel the same, like we used to fight down there with all them lads but now we're the best of friends. They used to come in here but then they started fighting with the girls.

S: Is there much kind of discussion at school or here about...I'm trying to think how to put it, ..

K: Just say it.

J: No, is that cos it's embarrassing?

S: I just can't think of the words. About lads and girls and differences and what you expect..

J: Like with them you can talk to them about anything.

K: Yeah I could go up to them and say, oh, I'm on, and they wouldn't laugh or do anything because we've been out that often together.

S: But would they expect you to behave differently. Do they think, 'oh do you know, girls are having periods so ..'.

J: Yeah.

K: They think like the obviously, if THERESA or one of them, she's usually in a bad mood, she's the one who I think you interviewed last week, she's usually, she's always snapping off at the lads and that; it's because they call her, because she's mad she does anything, but then they'll sit down and talk to her. And like they'll go, 'oh, THERESA 's in a bad mood'. But it's not necessarily because she's on, it's just like all different things what she does. Like she does mad dancing and they laugh at her for that and we laugh at her as well. But she's a good mate.

J: Can I have a cig from you? I'll give it you back in a minute.

S: How much do you smoke?

K: Smoke all the time.

S: Do you. Isn't that very expensive? Is that where your money goes? From the job that you do. Have you got a job as well?

J: Yeah. The market.

S: The market's just nearby is it?

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: How many of you smoke?

K: 6 of us, out of 13. That THERESA got me on to it. I used to just inhale it and one day we was all in an ... . She's been smoking since she was 7. And like she showed me how to inhale it and I've smoked ever since. Me Mam knows. They all let me smoke in front of them except for me Mam, she won't have it because she's a strict Catholic and all this.

S: So what does she say about it?

K: She goes mad at me, she says I'm stupid I should give up. Like there's nothing much she can do about it really. She can't keep me in, can't take me wages off me because I've worked for 'em. It's not as though she's given me it to spend.

S: Do you think about giving up?

K: Yeah, the whole time. But I never can do, I can never make that.. there's too many of us that smoke.

S: How many do you smoke a day, or does it depend what you're doing?

K: 10. How much. Well I don't, I smoke about.. like it's usually halves.

S: Yeah it's hard to tell when you're cutting backwards and forwards and things isn't it?

K: It's about 10.

J: ... (418)

K: In a day you smoke about 15 yourself but you're always giving people half so it's about 10, sometimes you have a full one, sometimes you don't.

S: Presumably you've been told all that stuff about it being bad for you. Do they talk to you about it at school or here?

J: They don't talk about it much at school do they. And they don't say much here really.

S: Do you smoke at school?

K: Yeah in the break and that.

S: Do they not bother?

J: Yeah they bother.

K: You get suspended or get a letter sent home but they never catch us because we just dive in the toilets and put it straight down the toilet. So they can never catch us. They can say that toilet stinks of smoke and you say I've only just got in there. And you tell them to ..

S: I'm just remembering. When I was at school I think I was the only one of my kind that didn't smoke and I had to sit guard outside the toilets.

K: All the time. (Laughing.)

S: Until somebody came. I don't know why I just didn't start smoking really. So do you see that as kind of a risk that you take, something that you shouldn't do?

J: It's a risk but there's nothing in my life, I can't help it.

S: So what other kinds of things does your Mum say you shouldn't do? Apart from not smoking. Does she talk to you about what you should and shouldn't do.

K: Work hard at school. She never talks about intercourse or anything like that. She did when we was younger but it was just about periods and, 'when you come on be careful'.

S: So did she explain to you what she meant by that?

K: Yeah, she just said all about the eggs and that.

S: So how young were you then?

K: 13.

S: So did you know all about it before she told you?

K: I just wa'n't listening, I just felt stupid when she was telling me and I just walked off in front of her.

S: It's funny that, isn't it. You know it's somebody that you see every day and suddenly they're talking about something different.

K: It's strange i'n't it?

S: Did your Mum talk to you about periods and sex and things.

J: She didn't actually sit me down really and talk to me face. I don't know. No not really. I can talk to her now about it and everything you know .. . But she didn't sit me down and say now this is that. I knew about them anyway, I think I know. (Laughter.)

S: Where do you know about things like that from, can you remember?

J: You hear it from other people. You just catch on.

S: If you wanted to know about something, if there was something you didn't..

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: If you wanted to know about things that you didn't know already, to do with sex and stuff, where would you find out?

K and J: Ask these.

S: And if they didn't know. Would you ask Mum?

K: If I wanted to know really badly I'd ask these and I'd wait until they asked someone, and I'd get that. But I wouldn't ask me Mam I just couldn't .. .

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: Just a bit more, about what you can remember, what you've learnt about AIDS and things at school. What do you feel that you know about it?

K: That you get it. That like there's two forms of it. One that carries on through people and another one that you have and that you die from. One you carry on, so you don't die through that usually and the other is, which you do die from.

S: HIV?

K: Yeah.

S: That's one thing say and what's the other thing?

(Laughter.)

S: What do you think AIDS is? Just like what AIDS is.

K: It's what you get in stabs and...It's a disease through like it's either heroin, sex, things like blood transfusions, if it's not clean, the blood. It passes through your body like the blood, don't it?

S: So what is it about sex?

(INTERRUPTION.)

S: So do you know how you get it through sex? What sort of sex?

K: Is it the sperm?

S: So you wouldn't get it just by touching somebody?

K: No, nor sitting on a toilet seat or brushing your teeth or anything.

J: Or drinking out of something.

S: So where were you told all that, were you told all that at school? Because there was a great panic, wasn't there?

K: Yeah, that's when it was and the teachers thought we'd better know about it.

S: So were you worried about it before then? Going around school saying you might get it.

(K+J speak together in a bit of a gabble. About people saying, 'you've got AIDS' or 'Don't touch 'em'. (516) )

S: Could you imagine that you might know someone that has it?

J: No. Don't think so.

K: No. Never know nobody.. If they did I wouldn't ignore it. I'd feel a bit stupid going near 'em because of what it is even though I know there's nothing wrong with it, I'd feel bad going near them. I'd still talk to them if they did have it.

S: But you can't imagine anybody..

J: No, not from round here.

K: Because like, I don't know, I don't think anyone who I know meself is at any risk of it really.

S: You don't know anyone who's into drugs, injecting drugs.

K: One lad, but he's only had it like odd times and it's his needle and that.

S: So you know about needles.

K: Yeah.

S: Do you feel that it makes any difference to.. like when you say you might think about having sexual intercourse with a lad when you're older, got a job maybe. Do you think it would make any difference to how you felt, then. About what you'd do.

K and J: AIDS?

S: Yeah.

K: If it was over like some people say, getting to the nearest clinic or someat and getting checked out, but.. No not really, not if I knew him very well I wouldn't. I'd still make him use contraceptive though.

S: What sort of contraceptive? You'd make him use a condom.

K: A condom.

J: I wouldn't use a..

S: Just because of AIDS or because that's what you'd prefer to use?

K: I'd prefer it really. Both ways really, because of the risk and everything and like babies and that.

S: You'd rather use a condom than some other kind of contraception?

K: ... (548)

S: So if you were using it she wouldn't know about it?

K: Yeah.

S: What about you JACQUELINE?

J: I keep missing everything, me.

S: Sorry I was just asking her KELLY whether she'd thought.. she might never know anybody .. (554) How do you think he'd react if you did ask him to use a condom?

J: Um...It's someat that I'd need to know him really well. It's like if it was one of these, I'd still knock about with them. I wouldn't worry about it I'd still talk to them.

K: It'd feel that .. .

J: Yeah.

S: Oh great. I was saying whether you thought it would make any difference when you, if you start having sex with boys, whether it would make any difference to what you would do.

J: No. (Laughing.)

S: What difference would it make?

J: I don't know, it's like more of a risk now of getting it and .. (571).

(Laughter.)

J: I can't say it.

S: Try, go on.

K: Use a condom.

J: Yeah I'd make him use one, I wouldn't take any contraception.

S: Is that because you don't believe in it?

J: No, I believe in it and everything but I wouldn't take it.

S: You think it's better if he did it. Why's that?

K: It's him who's putting it on isn't it?

S: It belongs to him.

J: He's not going to get into trouble is he? Or anything like that.

S: I mean do you think, do you ever talk to lads about whether they would use them?

K: Well I know a few that do.

S: Yeah.

K: But not with me.

S: Right, yeah. And do you think that in general lads might think about using them, then.

K: Yeah because it's them themselves that don't want to get a girl pregnant.

J: Like sometimes it just happens, doesn't it and a lad gets time (?) to go out and buy some. It just happens. Sometimes you have to show 'em though if it's gonna happen.

S: Could you imagine a time in the future when you might carry them around with you yourself?

K: No, no. If I ever met a lad I wouldn't sleep with him anyway so..

S: So you wouldn't carry one and give one to him, you'd expect him..

K: I wouldn't mess about with him anyway so..

S: Sorry?

K: It's his responsibility not ours.

S: Right, I'll let you go back to the dance. Thankyou.

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