

**NMC03 Jessica**

RT 19/05/89 (Moston Centre in empty classroom)

1. 18, ESW, from Eccles, wants to be in the police, had to do a few qualifications so did the PCSE. Lives at home with her parents and brother, heterosexual.
2. Heavy set with short dark hair, conservatively dressed. Friendly and open although we had trouble with some of the questions.

SEX ED: Got none at all at school. Got three instalments of sex ed at home from her parents. First at 14 they explain how babies were made, second at 16 when she had started to go out with boys, they told her that boys are only after sex and that they would only actually marry a girl who was a virgin. (Recently have talked to her about different forms of contraception). Before she came to college she only knew what parents had told her and snippets picked up in the playground. At college they have had sex ed as part of the course, covering things like masturbation, basics about AIDS. Most of her current knowledge is from college.

KNOWLEDGE: Contraception; very basic knowledge, but as not sexually active yet doesn't think that she needs to know.

AIDS: Didn't know that a condom could protect against transmission. Thought that only not having sex was protection. Didn't know things like the virus being in the body fluids, thinks you get it from sleeping around full stop. Also thinks that she is reasonably well informed. Didn't see much of the publicity around AIDS. Knows someone with AIDS and holds strong views on blame which are confused but interesting.

RISK: says that she likes taking risks which don't involve her coming to any harm – this is why she is joining the police (also Grandpa was in and her Mum is a store detective).

RELATIONSHIPS: 5 month relationship with a boy, has had 3 other boyfriends in the past. Doesn't want to have sex until she is married. Very strong belief that if she does it before that point then she will be dumped. Still a virgin, present boyfriend doesn't pressurise her into having sex. Views and feelings about sex built on a serious mistrust of men and no sense of her own independent sexuality. Yet cracks did seem to be showing ..interesting re: virginity.

PEER GROUP: At school didn't feel under any peer pressure to become sexually active as different groups did different things, friends were all like her. Her best friend nmc02 supports her particularly in this.