NMC08 Shannon

RT 17/05/1989 (in her bedroom)

- 1. age 17, doing 5 GCSE's as part of a pre-heath course, wants to be a nurse. Lives at home with Mum and brother. Heterosexual, still a virgin.
- 2. Plump, short brown curly hair, not v. fashionably dressed. Very easy going and approachable although seemed a bit nervous.

SEX ED: Went to [NAME OF SCHOOL]. Didn't think that their sex education was adequate. Had strong feelings on this. Information was presented biologically. She was very concerned about girls her age getting pregnant in order to leave home (apparently that is how it happens in the area that she lives in – poor). Thought that they should have told them more about post-natal depression and the realities of having a child. She got all her sex ed from her Mum who answered all her questions.

KNOWLEDGE:

Re: AIDS, reasonably well informed, usual confusion between type of relationship and type of sexual practice. Thinks safe sex is only for casual sex.

Re: contraception, pretty well informed from her mum, although she isn't sexually active and doesn't have experience of any.

SAFE SEX: Thinks AIDS has changed what sex means for her generation. She says most of her girlfriends are still virgins and more conservative about sex than older generations. This is conceived within quite a moral framework.

SEXUALITY: Not sexually active yet and not really interested. Speaks about sex in euphemisms, 'I'll know when I'm ready'.

PEER GROUP: Group of girls who are not sexually active either.