

**LJH40 13.2.90**

19,10; ESW lives with ma, dad one younger sister(has an older sister too); ma [SECRETARIAL ROLE]; pa [CREATIVE ROLE] with own shop; LJH40 works as professional administrative assistant at [TRADE UNION]; did 5 O levels at school, BTEC (7 distinctions) at college, tried uni ([CITY IN SOUTH EAST UK]) for 2 terms but did not like; current bf (24 yrs old) was first she had sex all the way with, but has done so with 2 others since/whilst; hetero, other bfs in past with sexual activity but not intercourse; not religious, a socialist who wants her practice to match her principles

Chunky looking, light hair frizzed out from round face. Wearing boots, jeans and green jumper, black leather jacket. Not 'smart' style. Friendly and outgoing, had done the survey bcs it was the kind of thing she did, and something interesting to do with her evening. Will do diary and reinterview if we get money to continue!! Had gap in her AIDS knowledge re HIV and AIDS, tho when she talked about it sounded as if she did know, only when pressed said she did not, tho otherwise fairly well informed re it. Thought that most young people felt that AIDS not relevant for them, it certainly would not change their behaviour, and it has not changed hers (slept with two men without condoms (she is on pill) in last two years). But thinks it would use a condom, and would not be bothered to ask, (in fact thought imperative if you were adult enough to be having sex that you should be adult enough to do that) in the future if she met someone she did not know well. She prefers condoms, not so messy and nothing running down your legs for hours, but bf preferred not. He did not mind however when she missed a pill and told him they had to use one for a week. Those she has slept with she knew before as friends, and of their sexual history. But a bit ambivalent here, thought AIDS and even stds not in her mind at all when it came to the event.

Had had some trouble with oral sex, didn't mind it being done for her, but hated the idea of doing it. Nearly broke up her and current bf's relationship. She likes it for her a lot, does not orgasm with penetrative sex and never has, but does with oral sex and masturbation (by her bf). Never tried masturbation before for herself, and never thought of having pleasure with sex being something that would happen to her. Before had gone quite a long way with men, one when she was 16 they tried intercourse but he could not get it in. That man did not come back after that event, and others tended to disappear after she had gone a long way with them as she put it. She had thought there was something wrong with her, but latest bf has given her confidence in herself. Varied sex life but no anal sex, she really hates the idea of that. She now does not mind oral sex, but does not actually enjoy it physically, what she likes is the fact that her bf enjoys it so much. I did not ask her directly re safe sex, but she described a range of other sexual activities than penetration, and often they don't bother with that. Sex hurt at first, but gradually got better. She used to worry about not doing it right, but now very relaxed with it, they both know well what makes each other happy.

Since being with bf has slept with 2 others, one his best friend, about which he found out. Her feeling is that what they don't know can't upset them and felt bad that she had let him find out. He was upset, she was upset, she had to decide between them. She decided neither, but then thought that in fact she wanted to be with her bf, and he definitely wanted to continue the relationship, so they got together again. She says the relationship gets into a rut periodically (in fact she is inclined to get into ruts herself) and she went for excitement with the other sexual encounters. But that is the only area she takes risks in, otherwise rather steady. Smokes pot, hates other drugs, has friends who have had a bad time with them. She feels she is in control in the relationship, and sometimes wishes the bf would tell her what he does not like. Talked re treating him better if he treated her bad. I said would she want that, and she would not, but would like him to speak his mind more.

Gets on ok with ma, but does not confide re sex except when had scene with bf best friend because very emotionally fraught at the time, at which point ma said she sometimes wished she had done that in her marriage, which surprised JH40. Gets very disturbed if she does something her mum does not like, so a problem when her mum disapproved of her sleeping with bf, bcs too young in ma's view. Older sister used to be a raving feminist until she met her current boyfriend. JH40 is socialist, believes in women's rights strongly, but involves politically with her socialism, is not active as a feminist. Dad preferred them when they were little and he could take them out for treats, does not quite know what to do with them now.