

**NMC06 Donna****RT 17/5/89** (in her bedroom at her parent's house in higher Blackley)

1. Age 18, ESW, doing 'A' Levels and applying for a degree. Lives at home with her Mum and Dad, sister and baby live across the road, heterosexual.
2. Very confident and forthcoming. Comes across as being extremely bright and know what she wants and how to get it. Seemed to enjoy talking about these things. Medium height, shoulder length.
3. We talked about her educational plans before the interview. She complained that her college catered so well for special need's students that ordinary hard workers like herself were out on a limb. She loves studying and is interested in all subjects, natural science and social science. Failed her exams last year through hanging around with the wrong crowd, people who looked down on studying. Now is having to work hard to make up for lost time.

SEX ED: Went to [NAME OF SCHOOL] where they got very thorough sex education. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year everyone had 2 hours p/wk PSE. Talked about orgasms and male and female masturbation, homosexuality (a gay man came in to talk to them). Did mixed role plays about negotiation. Had no sex ed at home but school seems to have done an excellent job and she is well informed. Says she is selfish about sex.

SAFE SEX: Sees it as using a condom although she is very open to the idea of non pen sex. Takes threat of AIDS seriously although she has not protected herself from it yet. Thinks you need to be careful about who you sleep with rather than protecting yourself according to sexual activities. Says when she goes to college she will make sure that a partner uses a condom, if he refuses she'd refuse. However, wants to take a year off sex now, is bored with and wants to get on with her studies!

RISK: Seems to have taken risks in the past over her education but not over pregnancy. V responsible, has always used contraception. Her mates all go to the clinic together and she has taken it upon herself to sort out her friend's contraception if they are taking risks. Sister got pregnant at 16 and had to get married – disaster, divorced at 17, this may have influenced her.

RELATIONSHIPS: Has had 3 sexual relationships. First time was raped when unconscious, finished with the boy immediately. Second rel. quite long term but he turned violent so she got rid of him. Now in long term rel. with boy she describes as an affluent worker. They have a very equal sexual rel. where she gets her fair share of pleasure. V careful over contraception. Not very close to her Mum, but close to sister. More than anything comes across as being very independent.

PEER GROUP: Describes her friends as being from the same class and educational background (she is doing Sociology 'A' level) as herself. Used to hang around with a more w/c group of kids. We had an interesting conversation about class defined sex roles – violence, possessiveness etc.

Good example of an empowered and sexually confident young woman who benefitted from a good sex education.