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16,10; lives with ma, pa, bro (11); Ma [SELF EMPLOYED ACCOUNTANCY ROLE]; pa – [SELF EMPLOYED CARPENTRY ROLE]; she works 37 hrs 30 mins pw as [ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE]; ESW; C of E, but does not go to church.; 8 GCSE; hetero, has bf 16; sex twice last week (not on qr!)

This young woman had filled in her qr when not sexually active, but just last week had sex with her boyfriend twice, within two hours. Hurt the first time, not much fun the second. Hopes things will improve. But that is the sexual intercourse part, she feels close enough in the relationship. It was her idea, she suggested it to him, then they waited a week. She was very worried that he would think she was easy, but said it to him in the end. He used a condom. It seems they both agreed on the sex and the contraception. She plans to get the pill, but not to tell him, just extra security for herself. That came out at the very end, I was quite surprised. Clearly she is not that confident of him, reasonable enough she has not known him terribly long. Has not told her parents. We met at her home (both parents in) we spoke in her bedroom. Small, (the bedroom) not ultra feminine, a lot of clothes. She seems to be a Marilyn Monroe fan, lots of posters, photos of MM on the wall. She was ironing as we spoke, it was an efficient of time, tho there may be the sudden hiss of steam on the tape! She is attractive, large, well-covered but not fat, nor really plump. Hair in what used to be called pre-Raphaelite type waves, but not style -thick, a bit blonded but only to a honey shade, down to just below her shoulders. Dressed in jeans and sweat shirt, tho it had been the hottest day of the year (or even the century!). Careful makeup, one of her ambitions is to be a beautician but in fact she works as a secretary/dogsbody for a [TECHNOLOGY COMPANY]. Work sometimes boring but she has learned a hell of a lot, would like to be a PA to a director. Wants to get married and have kids but later, stop work while kids young, back afterwards, so beautician would be handy for that. But does not want to go to college, tho one of her friends tries to encourage her. Ma is more successful than dad, and dad is very trad, and that causes difficulties. She does not want trad arrangement herself (tho when she describes it it sounds just like trad set-up). Is going to adopt a belt and braces approach to contraception because if she gets pregnant it is her who will have to have an abortion, have the baby and have it adopted, or look after it for the rest of her life, so it she has to make sure she does not get into that position.

Has younger brother of 11 who is going through puberty and their relationship is going through a difficult phase. They do fight.

Has had boyfriend for only a month although did meet him fleetingly in a pub a couple of years ago. She is not that worried about AIDS, she feels OK in this relationship, tho they are using a condom. She does think of sex as being penetration, but that is when it is a one night stand and you don't know the person very well, when you know the person well there are all sorts of other things that you might get involved in as well. It's so new and fresh in her mind that she is worried that somehow people will know. The people that she works with, they have been saying she's an innocent, a virgin and so on, and now she is not, it feels strange to her. She said only last week she was singing along with a song about 'innocent young thing' and was thinking yes that's me, and now it is not. She had the questionnaire before she went on holiday and the people at work (4 guys) said she was going away for one thing, and when she got back and was filling in the question about sexuality she was proud that she could fill it in "no". But now she can't. Her parents would totally disapprove, her ma says "don't sleep with him, don't

come back here pregnant" dad says the equivalent of if you can't be good be careful. She has a pamphlet (I think from Durex but I'm not quite sure bcs it certainly talks about other types of contraception) which actually looks quite good, and this has stood her in good stead re information about sex and so on. She only got it a couple of weeks ago and thought she would put it away until she needed it, but lol! She kept coming back to that theme.

She said her relationship with her mother had improved recently, she could talk to her like a friend but not a very close friend. She seemed rather sensible and together. There should be some nice quotes bcs she said a lot of things about e.g. the double standard which she thought was terrible, slags, about the way that different groups of girls did and didn't, the whole range of those sets of ideas were there. And it was a bit like RT was saying about it being difficult for them to reflect on it when it was so recent. But there was also a very strong feeling of the reality principle operating alongside the 'time had come, the time was right' sort of stuff, i.e. the belt and braces approach to pregnancy which she has to take bcs he is liable to leave her if she does not. For her, ultimately you can't trust anybody - if she were planning to marry somebody she would want them to take the HIV test bcs she knew what she had been doing but how could she be sure of him. She thinks her parents don't know much about HIV and AIDS, she seemed to know the basics, but then she thought they might have been using it as a scare technique to stop her sleeping with anybody.

At the end she reviewed her responses to the questionnaire, saying what had changed, only the end bit really, I think the current boyfriend is 20, so the one referred to on q7 must have been one of the other two she has had, or she was not too clear about his age at the time. The other two were totally non sexual (just a kiss) but one was a soldier and 18 (ma disapproved entirely, they are only after one thing). She wanted a relationship with a boy called MARK, who did not, and that made her unhappy.