Teenage Risk Taking Behaviour

Delivered by SELB, DELTA and Love for Life

The Facts Alcohol, Drugs and Relationships

The Skills Parenting Skills







"Children nowadays love luxury, have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect their elders... They contradict their parents, chatter in front of company, gobble up their food, cross their legs and tyrannise their teachers."

Socrates 470 - 400 B.C.

As parents we...

Parents are the most influential people in children's lives.

Parents love their children and want what is best for them.

Sometimes parents feel that they lack the facts and skills necessary to promote their child's personal development.

We can protect our children's future

through active parenting,

being involved and

being aware.

key parenting skills

Communication

Relationship

Discipline & Boundaries

Unconditional love

influences

What influence does family background have?

Family breakdown
Communication
Communication about sex

peer pressure



Teenagers Experience of Sex

'I didn't feel ready, all my friends egged me on by telling me that it was excellent and that they had all done it. Half of them haven't: they wanted me to do it so I could tell them all about it'



Teenagers Experience of Sex

'I thought that once you were going out with a bloke you had to sleep with them, that was the process.I really thought that. And you didn't. And I was thinking that I have to make the move before they do'



Teenagers Experience of Sex

'I just wanted to get it over and done with so I could say 'yeah I've done it' and now I can find a bloke who likes me and maybe it will be better'

Teen Pregnancy Report

media



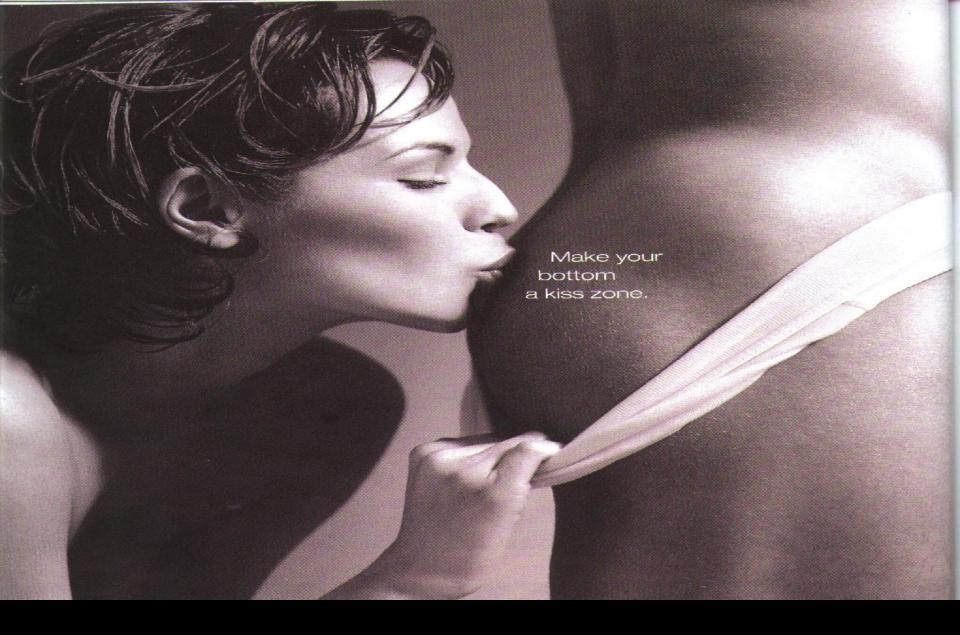




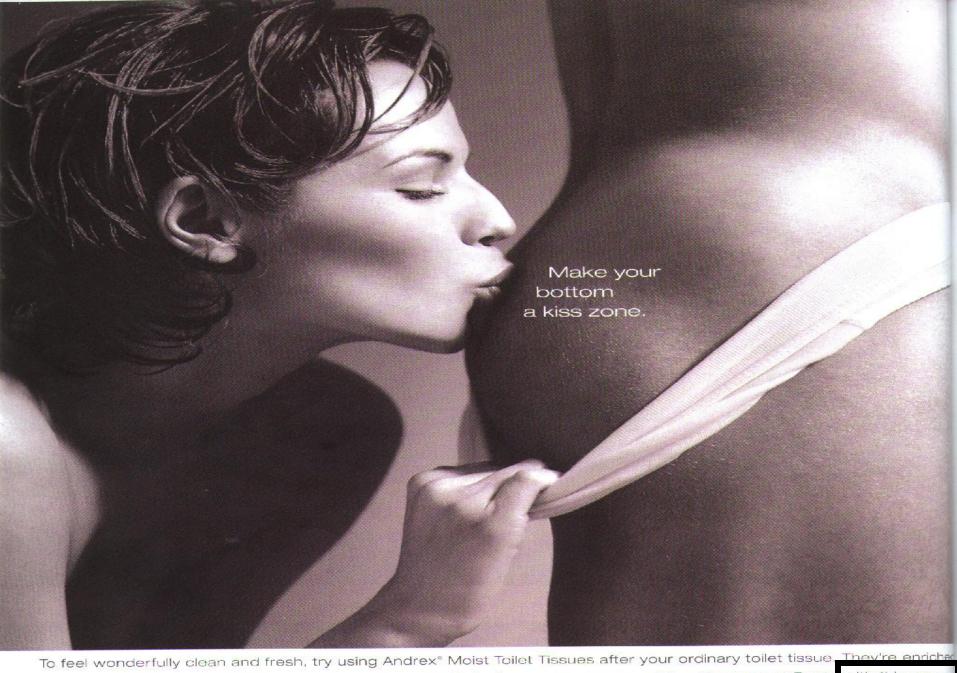


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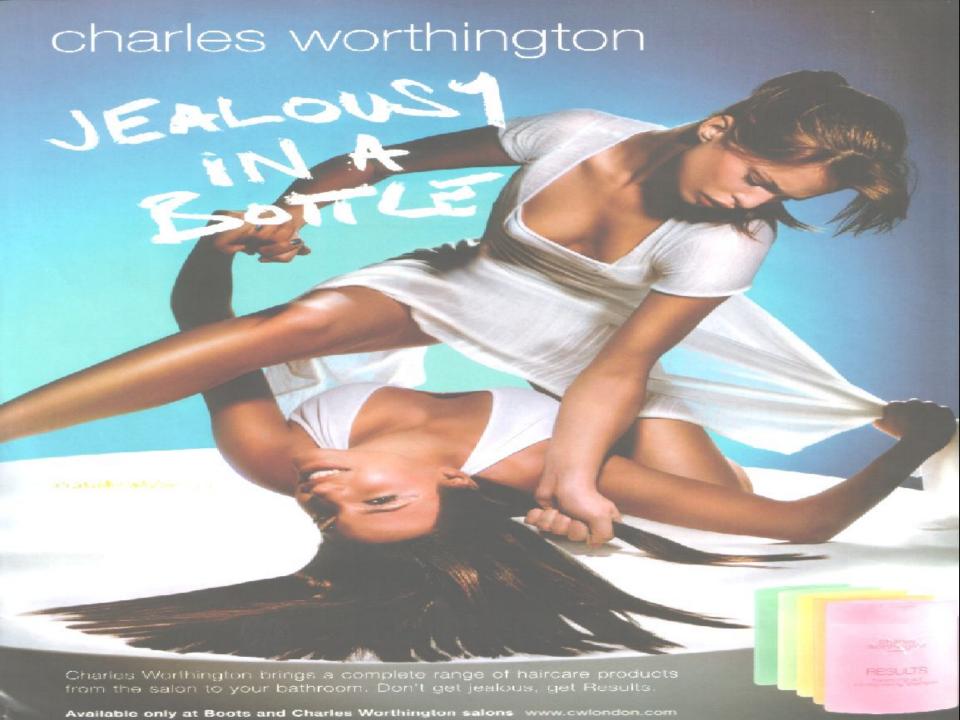


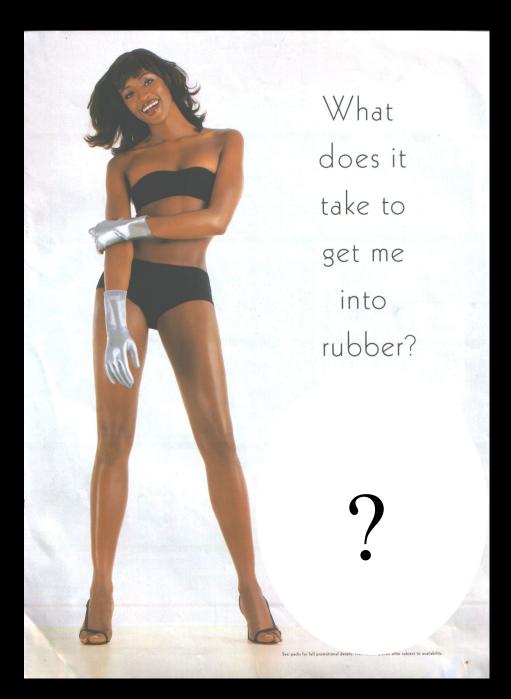
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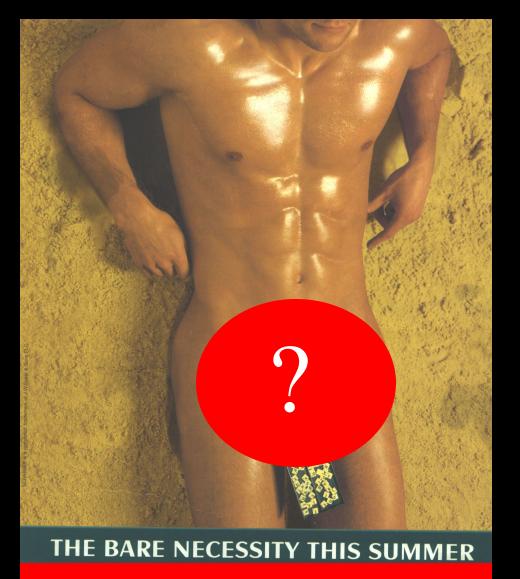




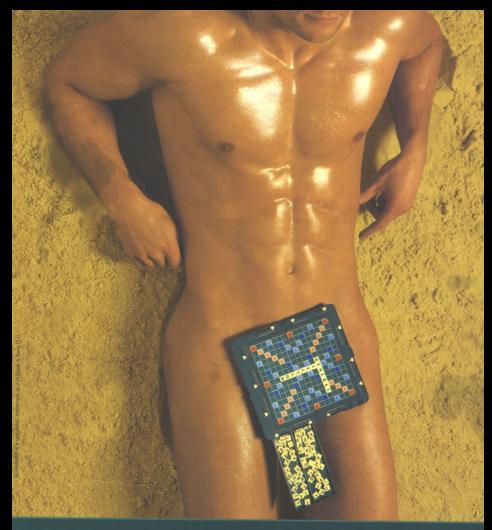


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THE BARE NECESSITY THIS SUMMER



NEW POCKET MAGNETIC SCRABBLE

Now you can put the world's favourite word game in your pocket! Play it absolutely anywhere this self contained set is perfect for the Summer! And the folding board means that unfinished games can quickly be packed away, without disrupting the game, so you can finish it later! This fantastic set comes in a protective hard case, with fully magnetic tiles, tile racks, and integral scoring system.





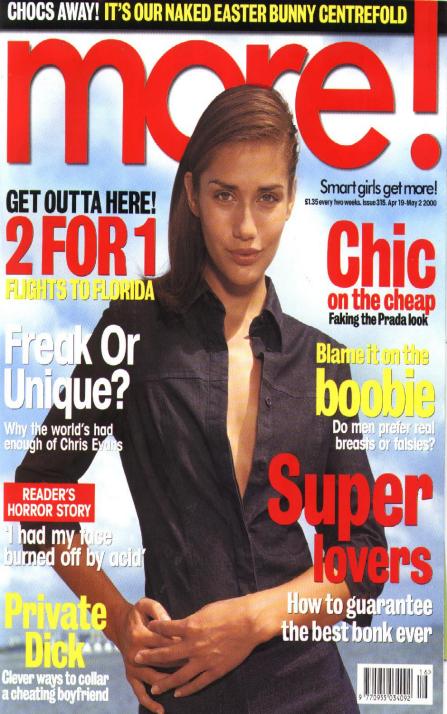
• On the March 13th episode of Friends there were "jokes about Ross' promiscuity, his lesbian ex-wife, Ross having sex with a dinosaur and the size of Ross' genitals; about Chandler being a homosexual and liking "gay" porn; about Monica being transgendered; about Phoebe's sex life with Mike; and about Joey's promiscuity. That's all in a half hour show- not including commercial breaks.



80% of soaps contain sexual content

What is the music message about sex?





POSITION OF THE FORTNIGHT The Rocking Chair

You'd be off you rocker not to give this a go!



The sex testers: Nicola, 23, and David, 24, have been together for a year.

Nicola's about to go traveiling and would like to leave David

more like a yoga move than a

sexual position, but once we got going, things seemed a bit easier. Penetration wasn't the

slipping out. Still, the

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to watch David as h working his magic!' David savs: 'At first i

block of wood, with

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with some sexy memories.

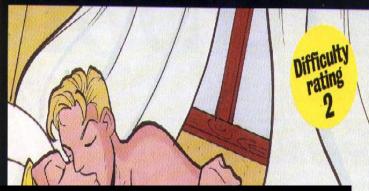
Nicola says: 'This sounded

Getting it right
Start by lying back and
beckoning him with a saucy grin
to stretch out beside you. Play
with each other's bits before
coaxing his leg over you, so that
he's straddling the leg furthest

away from him. Slide your inner leg to hook around him, leaving your clitoris to nestie against his penis. Now slide him inside you and then take it in turns to slowly rock back and forth, so that he thrusts In and out.

What's in it for you?
If gives real love-organ friction, so that you both get maximum pleasure with minimum effort.

Special requirements
Stamina to keep a-rockin'!



Targeted at 15 year olds

contact. Definitely a

A fine way to get your rocks off



Sugar Are you coo

According to a new survey, two thirds of you worry about HIV, yet half of y don't know condoms protect you. What's going on? Sugar investigates

o you worry about catching HIV and AIDS? If you do, you're not alone, in fact, according to a survey of over a thousand 11—15-year-olds commissioned by health care charity Marie Stopes International UK from NOP Family, 66% of you said you were more worried about HIV, the virus that leads to Aids than getting pregnant, having spots or your parents splitting up.

But the same survey found that more than a half of British boys and glirls don't realise they can protect themselves from the virus by using a condom when they have penetrative or oral sex. In fact, the results reveal some serious misunderstandings amongst British youth when it comes to sex and contraception—and a disturbing level of ignorance about how condoms protect your sexual health and your life.

Sex shock 1

50% of you don't know condoms protect you against HIV and Aids

You have good reason to be worried about HIV and Aids

- more than 40,000 people: UK are known to be infected. HIV virus, and there is still not vaccine. The spread of the could be almost helited if exhaus the sex used a condom half of those surveyed - not those most worked about addin't realise this.

Remember, you can't tellooking at someone if the positive. And if they are can

NEW INSIDE! CELEBRITY MINI MAG

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Get your free condom

As part of its campaign to increase awareness of contraception and reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and STIs, Marie Stopes International UK is offering to supply a condom to every Sugar reader. They're not encouraging you to have sex, just saying it's better to know what a condom looks like and how it works so that you're be prepared for when you are ready to have sex.



40 Sugar

www.likeitis.org.uk

spa treats to get you glowin' cope when mates are mean ir boy by dreaming!

risk for sex 'If you were a bogey...'
Chat-up lines we dare
you to use!

it Blazin' Squad Be a pop star Kym Marsh Busted

For gift ingredients see p

SUGAR AVERAGE AGE OF READERS:14.3

"Serial snoggers, why some guys are addicted to lust"

"Boys in their boxers (ooh!)"

"The other day, my boyfriend told me that whenever we snog I give him a 'stiffy'."

Cosmo Girl!

Average age of reader 14.5

"You and guys and sex: the questions you can't ask anyone-answered"

"Why don't you have a boyfriend?"

"He wants sex 24/7...I love him and don't want to lose him"

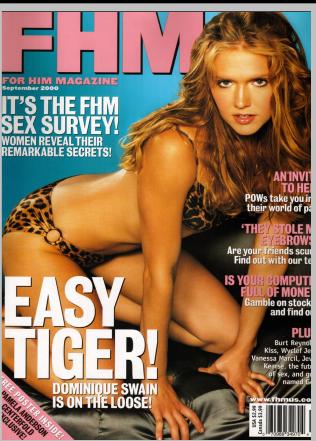
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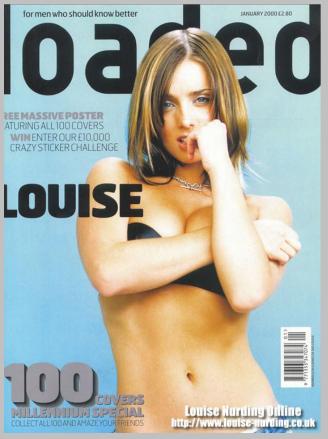
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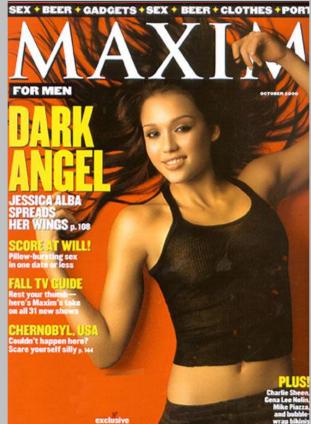
"Sex survey results! The shocking truth you couldn't tell your parents"

"Kiss with confidence – 7 ways to make him come back for more"

"Secret lesbians... we went upstairs and kissed"







The average person views more than 90,000 scenes of sex or suggested sexual intercourse between the ages of 8 and 18!

facts

Never before have adolescents been exposed to such relentless media pressure to have sex as early as possible

(Dr Trevor Stammers 'Adolescent Sexuality')



1 in 4 women and almost 1 in 3 men have sex before they are 16 years old

(National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles 2000)

1 in 6 women and less than 1 in 4 men have sex before they are 16 years old

("love for life" Southern Board Survey 2000/2001)

•13.2% of young people admit to having had sex first at 14 or under

PREVENTION

Love for Life SELB data

•1 in 10 sexually active teens have a sexually transmitted infection

PREVENTION

(National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyle 2000)

•80% of girls and 40% of boys express regret about their first sexual encounter

PREVENTION

(National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyle 2000)

- •2 in 5 of our 14/15 year olds admit to having been drunk at least once.
- •1 in 6 of our 14/15 year olds admit to having been drunk 10 or more times

SUPERVISION

Love for Life SELB data

•21% of young people who drink report taking their first alcoholic drink at 11 years old or under

PROTECTION

Love for Life SELB data

Why do teens choose to be sexually active?

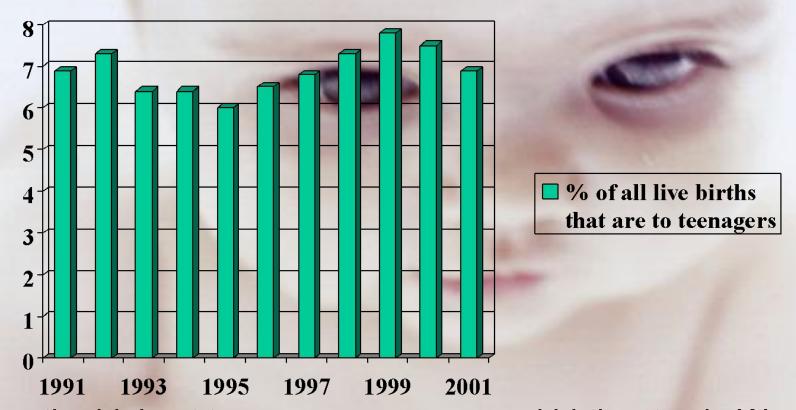
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Cultural Shift self este

Lets talk...

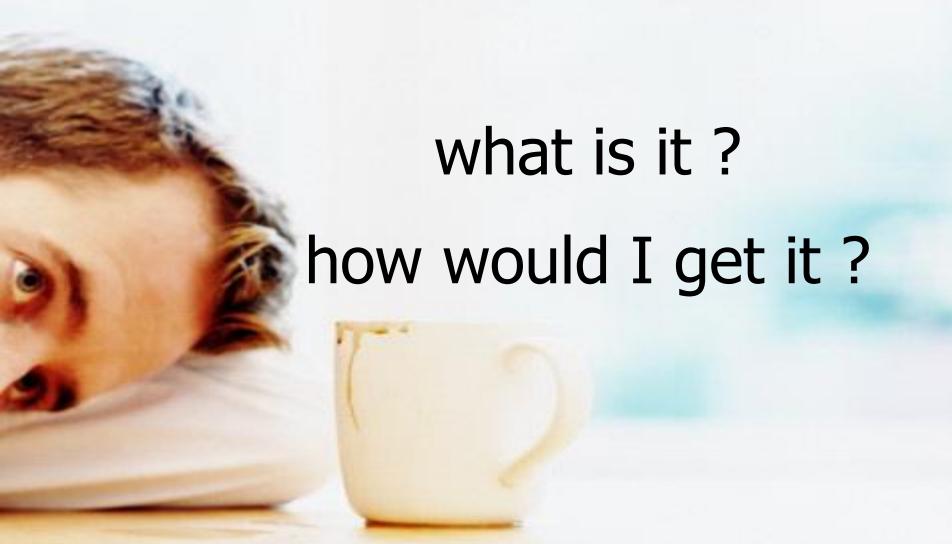
outcomes

Teen births in N.Ireland



UK has the highest teenage pregnancy and birth rates in Western Europe. Our birth rates are twice those in Germany, three times those in France and six times the Dutch rate.







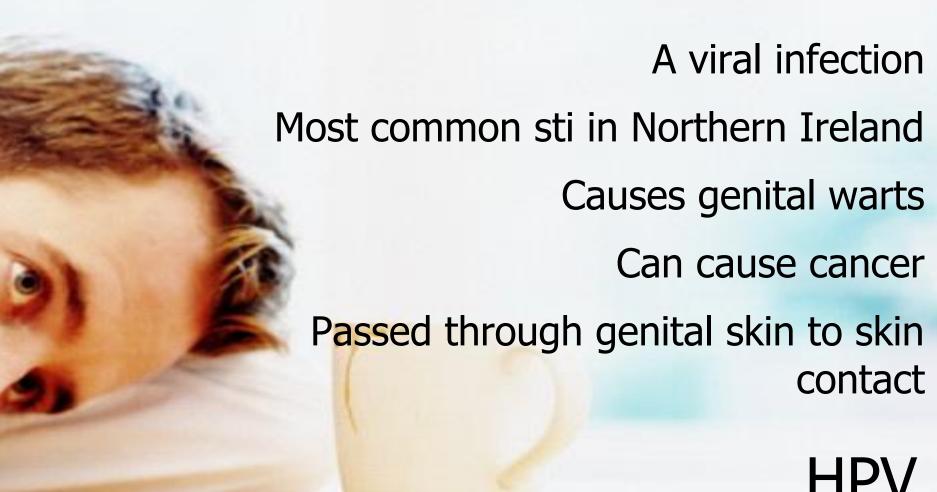
STI2

1 in 10 sexually active teens have a sexually transmitted infection.

70% of girls and 50% of boys who are infected do not have symptoms Can cause infertility Can be easily treated.

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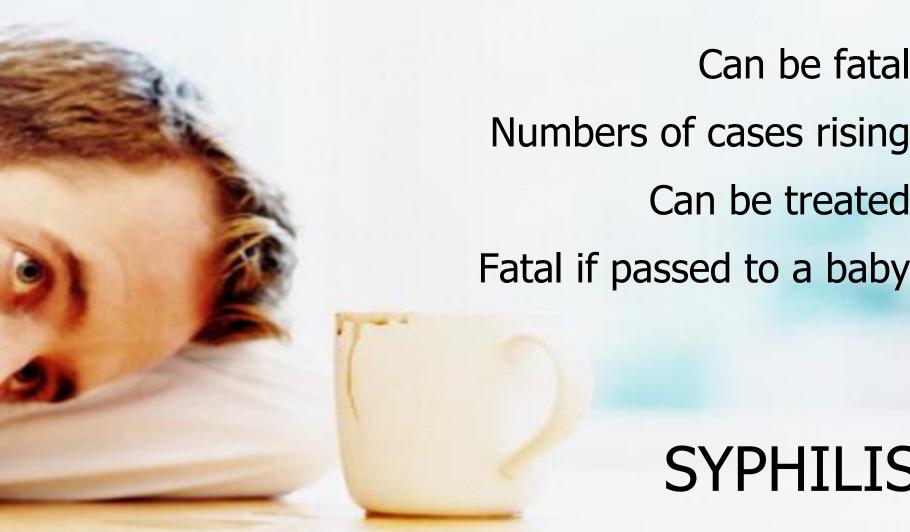
HPV



STI21 in 10 sexually active teens have a sexually transmitted infection.



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Can be treated

Fatal if passed to a baby

SYPHILIS



Can be painful Can be passed through genital skin to skin contact Can have this lifelong **GENITAL HERPES**

STI21 in 10 sexually active teens have a sexually transmitted infection.



Numbers of cases are rising Can cause infertility Can be treated Can be passed to a baby

GONORRHOEA

How good are condoms at Preventing pregnancy?

Theoretical failure rate

3 per 100

User failure rate
13.9 per 100



Make sex safe or safer?

Virginity-A healthy choice for a teenager?



'If you want to be truly shocking these days there is really only one way to do it. Stay a virgin until you are 31 and then get married.

Friends star Lisa Kudrow told us recently that this indeed is what she has done. How has this amazing situation come about? What could have possessed her?

How deeply weird' (Daily mail 1998)

Lets talk...

other risk taking behaviours

Supporting young people today

SMOKING

DRUGS

SOLVENTS

ALCOHOL

"there is an association between all four of these risk taking behaviours" and "in a total of 16 cross tabulations, which, in every case, suggested a statistically significant association between sexual behaviour, and each of the other risk behaviours"

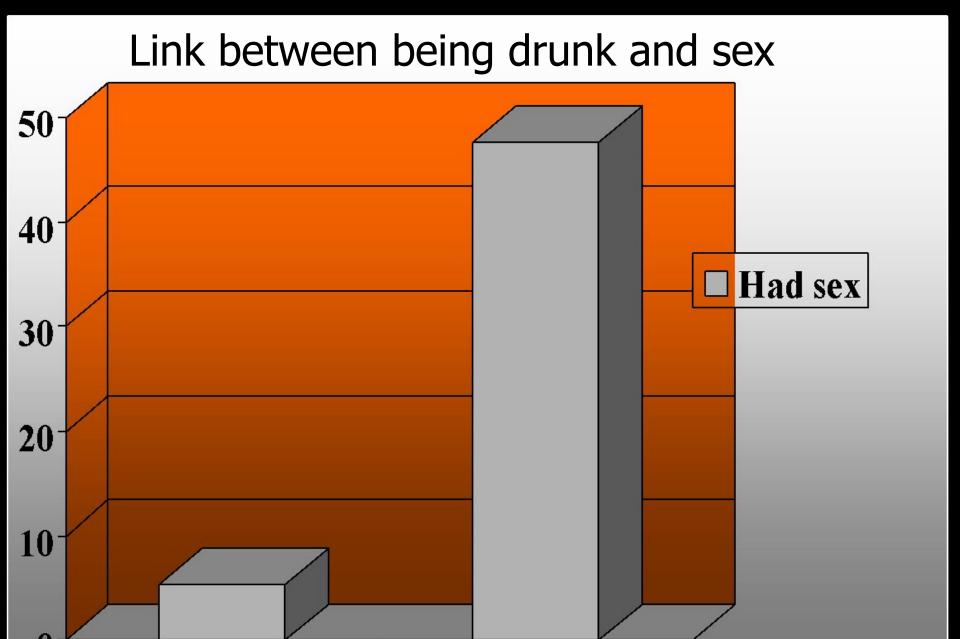
Prof Ed Cairns "Risk behaviour in post-primary school children 2001-2002" Page 10

2001-2002" love for life ...informing choice

Love for Life

RISK BEHAVIOUR IN POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

SURVEY 2001-2002



Never drunk



Alcohol

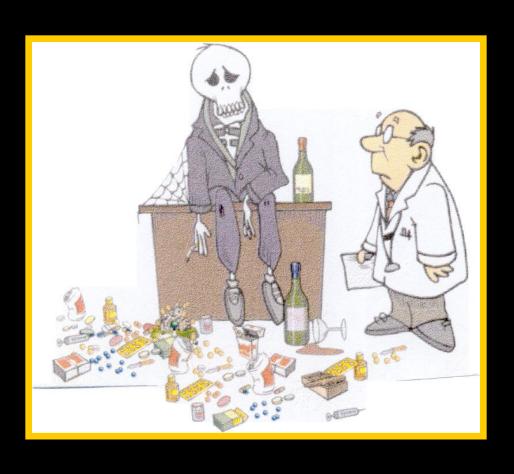
Illicit or Illegal Substances

What is a Drug?

Prescription or O.T.C. Drugs

Tobacco

What is a drug?



SOMETHING, OTHER THAN FOOD, THAT CHANGES THE WAY YOUR MIND OR BODY WORKS

Why do young people take drugs?



Acceptance within the peer group

A fear of rejection

Pursuit of pleasure

cigarettes

cigars Roll-ups

FAGS

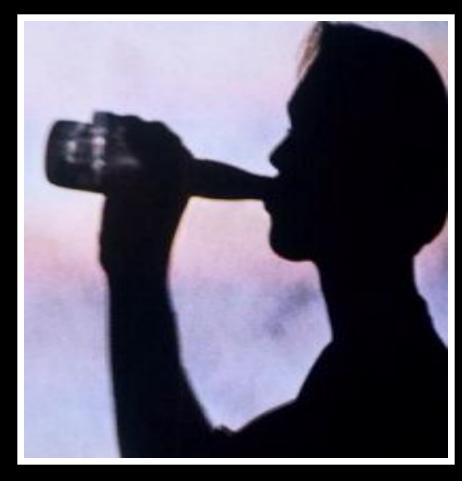
tobacco



Smoking is a gateway drug

Alco pops cider SPIRITS wine

alcohol



Alcohol is a gateway drug

Misuse

And Abuse

alcohol



Binge drinking

A community problem

advertising

media







Solvents



1 out of every 4 people who die sniffing solvents are **first** time users

Weed Wacky-ba
grass

Wacky-ba

Marijuana

dope

Hash

CANNABIS



hallucinogen

XTC adam E's eve DOVES Disco

Ecstasy



stimulant

Trips

microdots

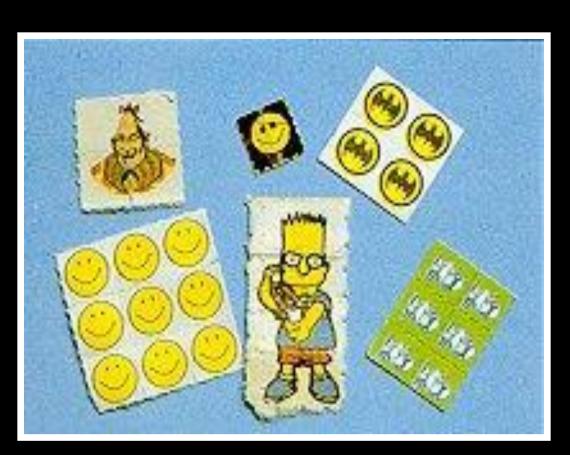
strawberries

blotters

Tabs

acid





hallucinogen

GO-fasterSULPH amphetamines Whizz

uppers





hallucinogen

smack H skag horse junk

heroin



depressant

Stones freebase crack Charlie COCAINE



stimulant

Who do young people get their drugs from?

- 45% of young people are offered drugs by their friends
- 31% are offered drugs in a bar/club
- 14% from a dealer in a club
- 5% get drugs from a dealer's house

Where do young people use drugs?

- 36% of young people use drugs outdoors
- 27% use their drugs at friend's house
- 19% use their drugs in a night club

Most young people *do not* take drugs or abuse alcohol

- FEAR
- SHAME
- HEALTH
- SELF-RESPECT
- SPORTS
- EMPLOYMENT
- SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

- MY AMBITIONS
- MY DREAMS
- FAMILY
- MY FRIENDS
- FINANCE
- MEDIA
- THE LAW

HOW CAN WE AS PARENTS REDUCE THE CHANCES OF RISK TAKING BEHAVIOUR??



- promote self-esteem, self-worth, self-value, self-respect
- develop assertiveness that will help make good decisions or healthy choices



Is this how it is?

Lets talk...

skills

Scenario 1

Peter is 15. You have noticed that he comes home later than usual and goes straight to his room. You are concerned about the company he is keeping and are worried that he may be drinking or using some other substances. What should you do?

The following parenting skills may be required for Scenario 1:-

- Active listening
- Time
- Choices and consequences
- Supervision/boundaries
- Attitudes and values
- If necessary work with the school to support your child

Scenario 2

Lucy is 14. She is dating an older guy. They spend a lot of time at his place. What could be happening and what can you do about it?

The following parenting skills may be required for Scenario 2:-

- Promote self-esteem
- Unconditional love
- Boundaries
- Choices create consequences
- Active listening

Scenario 3

Amy is 16. She went to a party last weekend with her friends. You know that she had been drinking but she is withdrawn and tearful since then. What other issues could be worrying Amy?

The following parenting skills may be required for scenario 3

- Unconditional love
- Make time to listen
- Don't make rash judgements/threats/promises
- Boundaries
- Seek professional help if necessary
- Ask school for support

Scenario 4

Mark is 15. You have been called to school because of an incident involving your son smoking cannabis with two friends on school property. What do you feel the school should do? What should you do as parents?

The following parenting skills may be required for scenario 4

- Knowledge, cannabis is an illegal substance
- Attitudes and values
- Choices and consequences
- Active listening
- Boundaries
- Seek professional advise/support
- Unconditional love
- PSNI must be informed by the school

Key Parenting Skills

- Find time
- Communicate
- Empathise
- Set boundaries
- Be a Role Model
- Explain with choices there are consequences
- Love unconditionally

Build self esteem by ensuring:

A sense of belonging within the family

Positive but realistic expectations

Promoting age appropriate self responsibility

Spending quality time with each child

Eliminate destructive criticism, acceptance

Need Help or Advice?

GP practice

Pastoral Care Team in your school

Breakthru

Don't Blow It

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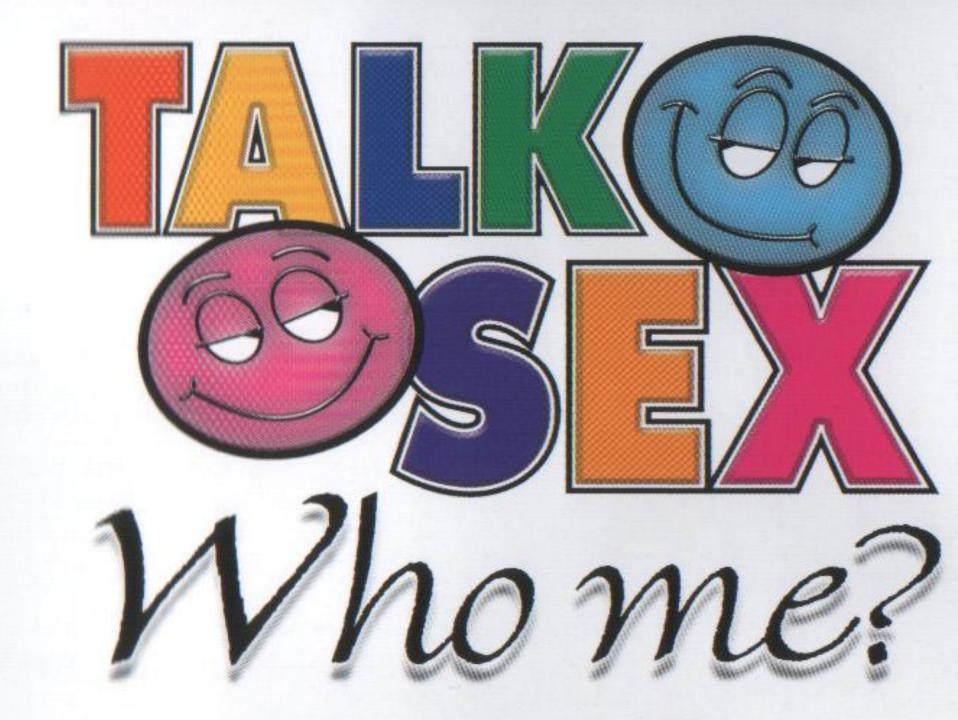
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