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Appendix B: Interview Schedules

Interview Schedule for 1st interview

1. Descriptive Questions - Entry into Care, Care and Family Experiences

Do you remember why you came into care?

How did you experience coming into care? Do you remember what happened?

How did you feel at the time about coming into care?

Care History

Where did you first stay when you came into care?

Did you move to different placements whilst you were in care? How many placements did you experience? Can you describe these placements?

What was your relationship with the foster parents or residential workers?

How did you feel about the move to a different placement?

Were you involved in the decisions about important issues in care (placement moves) and if so how were you involved?

How much understanding did you gain through your time in care about your family, yourself as a person, your culture/religion/community?

Family Experience

We have talked a bit about being in care and coming into care. Can we now go back a bit and talk about your family and what your family was like before you came into care.

Can you describe your family?

How did you grow up?

What sort of problems did your family experience? What sort of strengths did your family have?

Did you have a particular role/ particular responsibilities in the family?

What was your relationship with your mother, father, brother, sister before you came into care?

Were there any other important members in your family or important adults who helped you who we have not talked about so far?

How did you maintain contact with your family throughout your time in care?

What kind of contact do you have with your family now?

How do you feel about your mother, father, brother, sister now?

Here is a chart of relationships you might have with other people. Can you look at each circle and name the particular person. Make a connection between yourself in the middle circle and the other person in a circle depending on what the relationship is like.

Critical Incident Questions

Below is a list of things which could have happened to any of us. Please read through the examples described in each of the 2 groups. Now can you think back over the past year. Do you remember a particular occasion which is related to being in care and which is a good example of one of the situations described below.

Group 1

An occasion when:

An important decision was made about you, and you had no say in it.

You felt afraid and worried.

You felt badly let down by somebody you trusted.

You felt you were on your own with no help from anyone.

You felt you had no control over what was happening to you.

Group 2

An occasion when:

You felt good about yourself.

You were able to really help somebody with a difficult problem.

You felt respected for what you did.

You felt safe and secure.

You coped well with a difficult situation.

Somebody showed they really cared about you.

Please can you pick one incident from each group which is related to your experience of care. Can you tell me the story related to each of them:

What exactly happened?

Who was involved?

What did you do or say?

What did other people do?

Where and when did all of this take place?

How did you feel during the incident and after?

Thanks for describing these situations. I hope this discussion has reminded you of many of the things which happened to you during your time in care.

Looking back over your time in care:

What do you think have been good about being in care?

What do you think has been negative or difficult?

What impact do you think care has had on you as a person (black person)

2. Personal Development

1. Semantic Differential Technique.

The assessment will focus on:

- a) what I am like now?
- b) what I will be like in 12 months?
- c) what I would like to be like?

On this sheet of paper you will find a number of scales listed. Each pair consists of a line with a word or two at either end. these two words are opposite in meaning, for example tall versus small, good versus bad.

These scales can be used to signal what you think about somebody. Let's think of your best friend as an example. The first pair is tall versus small. If you think your friend is very tall, then your cross will be to the left of the scale. If you think your friend is small, then your cross will be to the right of the scale.

tall _____ / _____ small

tall _ / _____ small

If you think your friend is neither particularly tall or small, then your cross will be in the middle of the scale.

tall _____ / _____ small

Please complete all the examples below. This time, please think of yourself as you are now.

I AM

unpleasant _____ pleasant

indecisive _____ decisive

mature _____ immature

not confident _____ confident

realistic _____ unrealistic

wild _____ tame

pessimist _____ optimist

part of a group _____ alone

in control _____ out of control

passive _____ active

lots of friends _____ no friends

responsible _____ irresponsible

think ahead _____ don't think ahead

worthless _____ valuable

unstable _____ stable

strong _____ weak

changable _____ constant

loved _____ unloved

unsupported _____ supported

like other yp _____ not like other yp

secure _____ insecure

depressed _____ not depressed

IDEALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO BE

unpleasant _____ pleasant
indecisive _____ decisive
mature _____ immature
not confident _____ confident
realistic _____ unrealistic
wild _____ tame
pessimist _____ optimist
part of a group _____ alone
in control _____ out of control
passive _____ active
lots of friends _____ no friends
responsible _____ irresponsible
think ahead _____ don't think ahead
worthless _____ valuable
unstable _____ stable
strong _____ weak
changable _____ constant
loved _____ unloved
unsupported _____ supported
like other yp _____ not like other yp

IN 12 MONTHS TIME I WILL BE

unpleasant _____ pleasant
indecisive _____ decisive
mature _____ immature
not confident _____ confident
realistic _____ unrealistic
wild _____ tame
pessimist _____ optimist
part of a group _____ alone
in control _____ out of control
passive _____ active
lots of friends _____ no friends
responsible _____ irresponsible
think ahead _____ don't think ahead
worthless _____ valuable
unstable _____ stable
strong _____ weak
changable _____ constant
loved _____ unloved
unsupported _____ supported
like other yp _____ not like other yp

3. Expectation of Leaving Care

When do you expect to leave care?

What does leaving care mean to you?

Do you feel you are leaving care on a particular day or is it related to a move into independence?

What do you imagine leaving care to be like?

What do you expect to change, if anything?

Can you remember the occasion when you first thought seriously about leaving care?

How did you feel? Was there anything specific that triggered your thinking?

Do you feel prepared for leaving care? What are the things you think you need to be prepared for? What preparation do you think you have had?

What do you think will be the most difficult thing about leaving care? What are the things you feel worried about?

What are you looking forward to when leaving care?

Where do you think you might be living?

Who do you think will be around to help you after you have left care?

Interview Schedule 2nd Interview

Current Situation

Can you describe where you live now?

Is this still the same place where you lived 6 months before?

What kind of accommodation is this? (probe hostel, 'own home', foster home, residential home, B&B, friends home, parental home, relatives home, lodgings)

How long have you been here?

Is there a time limit on how long you can stay?

How long do you want to stay and why?

Did you want to leave in the last 6 months?

Do you feel safe living here?

Has anybody asked you to leave here?

Are there any rules about living here and what do you think of these rules? can you change any of these rules?

Can you bring your friends here? How do you feel about brining your friends here?

What about the physical state of the accommodation?

What do you think of when you think of your own home?

On a scale of one to ten how close does this place come to being a home for you in terms of:

- 1) safety for yourself
- 2) length of stay and security
- 3) control over what you do
- 4) physical state of repair
- 5) bringing and having friends here

Have you ever had a 'home' of your own other than your parents home?

Are there any other people living here?

How have you been getting on during the last 6 months?

What do you like about living here?

What do you find difficult about living here?

If young women have moved:

Why did you move?

Where did you move to?

How did you find anywhere to move to and who helped you in finding a new place to live?

Can you describe the places you moved to? What were they like?

How do you feel about the moves?

What did you find difficult in looking for accommodation?

Income and Employment/Training

How much money do you receive every week?

Where do you get this money from?

Do you get money from anywhere else? (DSS, SSD, Friends, family)

How do you spent your money?

Do you run out of money?

What do you go without once you run out of money?

What do you do once you run out of money?

Does anybody help you getting access to benefits?

Do you work at the moment?

Are you looking for work and how/where?

Does anybody help you/offered to help you find work?

If working:

Did anybody help you fining this job?

Have you changed jobs/lost a job in the last 6 months?

Do you like this job and why?

Are you thinking of going back to college if you can't find work?

Education

What course are you doing?

What do you like about college?

Is there anything that is difficult about being a student?

What do you hope to do after the course finishes?

Health

In the last 6 months when have you felt unwell more than before and why do you think that is?

Support Networks

Complete the chart.

Who is important to you and why?

Who do you go to for help and support?

Do you have a boyfriend/partner and how does he help you?

Leaving Care

In the last 6 months have you thought about leaving care?

How do you feel about leaving care now?

Do you feel you have done things to prepare yourself for leaving care if so what have you done or asked for?

What do you feel your social worker has done to help you to leave care?

Do you ever imagine what leaving care will be like?

New Roles - Young Women who are Parents

What difference has the baby's birth made to your life?

What do you like about having a baby?

What do you find difficult?

What support do you receive from the baby's father?

How is having the baby different from what you expected?

Do you think you are different from other young women of your age?

Evaluation of the Last 6 Months

What do you think has been the best thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What do you think has been the hardest thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What has been the thing that has changed you most in the last 6 months?

What do you feel most worried about in the coming 6 months?

What are you looking forward to most in the next 6 months?

Personal Development

In what ways do you think you have taken new responsibilities in the last 6 months?

When you have to make a difficult decision, what do you do?

Do you feel others respect you and your views?

How do you choose your friends now?

Has any of these things changed in the last 6 months and why?

Complete chart of 'I am' and 'In 12 months I will be only.

Interview Schedule 3rd Interview

Current Situation

Can you describe where you live now?

Is this still the same place where you lived 6 months before?

What kind of accommodation is this? (probe hostel, 'own home', foster home, residential home, B&B, friends home, parental home, relatives home, lodgings)

How long have you been here?

Is there a time limit on how long you can stay?

How long do you want to stay and why?

Did you want to leave in the last 6 months?

Do you feel safe living here?

Has anybody asked you to leave here?

Are there any rules about living here and what do you think of these rules? can you change any of these rules?

Can you bring your friends here? How do you feel about brining your friends here?

What about the physical state of the accommodation?

What do you think of when you think of your own home?

On a scale of one to ten how close does this place come to being a home for you in terms of:

- 1) safety for yourself
- 2) length of stay and security
- 3) control over what you do
- 4) physical state of repair
- 5) bringing and having friends here

Have you ever had a 'home' of your own other than your parents home?

Are there any other people living here?

How have you been getting on during the last 6 months?

What do you like about living here?

What do you find difficult about living here?

If young women have moved:

Why did you move?

Where did you move to?

How did you find anywhere to move to and who helped you in finding a new place to live?

Can you describe the places you moved to? What were they like?

How do you feel about the moves?

What did you find difficult in looking for accommodation?

Income and Employment/Training

How much money do you receive every week?

Where do you get this money from?

Do you get money from anywhere else? (DSS, SSD, Friends, family)

How do you spent your money?

Do you run out of money?

What do you go without once you run out of money?

What do you do once you run out of money?

Does anybody help you getting access to benefits?

Do you work at the moment?

Are you looking for work and how/where?

Does anybody help you/offered to help you find work?

If working:

Did anybody help you fining this job?

Have you changed jobs/lost a job in the last 6 months?

Do you like this job and why?

Are you thinking of going back to college if you can't find work?

Education

What course are you doing?

What do you like about college?

Is there anything that is difficult about being a student?

What do you hope to do after the course finishes?

Health

In the last 6 months when have you felt unwell more than before and why do you think that is?

Support Networks

Complete the chart.

Who is important to you and why?

Who do you go to for help and support?

Do you have a boyfriend/partner and how does he help you?

Leaving Care

In the last 6 months have you thought about leaving care?

How do you feel about having left care now?

Do you feel you were prepared for leaving care if so what should have been or asked for?

What do you feel your social worker has done to help you to leave care? What support do you receive now?

Do you think leaving care has been what you expected it to be?

New Roles - Young Women who are Parents

What difference has the baby's birth made to your life?

What do you like about having a baby?

What do you find difficult?

What support do you receive from the baby's father?

How is having the baby different from what you expected?

Do you think you are different from other young women of your age?

Evaluation of the Last 6 Months

What do you think has been the best thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What do you think has been the hardest thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What has been the thing that has changed you most in the last 6 months?

What do you feel most worried about in the coming 6 months?

What are you looking forward to most in the next 6 months?

Personal Development

In what ways do you think you have taken new responsibilities in the last 6 months?

Do you think people treat you differently now that you are 18?

What do you think makes somebody an adult and not a child?

Do you think you are regarded as an adult by people around you who are important to you?

When you have to make a difficult decision, what do you do?

Do you feel others respect you and your views?

How do you choose your friends now?

Has any of these things changed in the last 6 months and why?

Complete chart of 'I am' and 'In 12 months I will be only.

Interview Schedule 4th Interview

Current Situation

Can you describe where you live now?

Is this still the same place where you lived 6 months before?

What kind of accommodation is this? (probe hostel, 'own home', foster home, residential home, B&B, friends home, parental home, relatives home, lodgings)

How long have you been here?

Is there a time limit on how long you can stay?

How long do you want to stay and why?

Did you want to leave in the last 6 months?

Do you feel safe living here?

Has anybody asked you to leave here?

Are there any rules about living here and what do you think of these rules? can you change any of these rules?

Can you bring your friends here? How do you feel about bringing your friends here?

What about the physical state of the accommodation?

What do you think of when you think of your own home?

On a scale of one to ten how close does this place come to being a home for you in terms of:

- 1) safety for yourself
- 2) length of stay and security
- 3) control over what you do
- 4) physical state of repair
- 5) bringing and having friends here

Have you ever had a 'home' of your own other than your parents home?

Are there any other people living here?

How have you been getting on during the last 6 months?

What do you like about living here?

What do you find difficult about living here?

If young women have moved:

Why did you move?

Where did you move to?

How did you find anywhere to move to and who helped you in finding a new place to live?

Can you describe the places you moved to? What were they like?

How did you get on with the people you shared with?

How do you feel about the moves?

What did you find difficult in looking for accommodation?

Income and Employment/Training

How much money do you receive every week?

Where do you get this money from?

Do you get money from anywhere else? (DSS, SSD, Friends, family)

How do you spent your money?

Do you run out of money?

What do you go without once you run out of money?

What do you do once you run out of money?

Does anybody help you getting access to benefits?

Do you work at the moment?

Are you looking for work and how/where?

Does anybody help you/offered to help you find work?

If working:

Did anybody help you fining this job?

Have you changed jobs/lost a job in the last 6 months?

Do you like this job and why?

Are you thinking of going back to college if you can't find work?

Education

Do you have any educational qualifications?

What course are you doing?

What do you like about college?

Is there anything that is difficult about being a student?

What do you hope to do after the course finishes?

Health

In the last 6 months when have you felt unwell and/or depressed and why do you think that is?

Have you ever been given anti depressants?

Support Networks

Complete the chart.

Who is important to you and why?

Who do you go to for help and support?

Do you have a boyfriend/partner and how does he help you?

Do you feel your relationship with your mother, father, brothers, sisters has changed in the last 18 months? Why do you think this has happened?

How do you get on with your mother, father, sister, brother now?

New Roles - Young Women who are Parents

What difference has the baby's birth made to your life?

What do you like about having a baby?

What do you find difficult?

What support do you receive from the baby's father?

How is having the baby different from what you expected?

Do you think you are different from other young women of your age?

What support do you receive from your parents?

Evaluation of the Last 6 Months

What do you think has been the best thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What do you think has been the hardest thing that has happened to you in the last 6 months?

What has been the thing that has changed you most in the last 6 months?

What do you feel most worried about in the coming 6 months?

What are you looking forward to most in the next 6 months?

Evaluation of Care

Looking back in what ways do you think being in care has been positive for you?

In what ways was being in care difficult for you, can you list the difficulties?

How do you think being in care has hurt you/let you down?

Is there anything you feel being in care has given you that you didn't have at home?

Is there anything else care should have given you that you didn't have at home?

Do you think the times you've moved in care have influenced how secure you feel now?

How should being in care have helped you to grow up?

What do you mean by growing up?

Do you think you were treated differently by your foster carers or social workers because you were a girl and because you are Black/mixed heritage/Asian?

Do you think being in care has changed you and made you different from other young women?

Evaluation of Leaving Care

Do you feel you were prepared for leaving care?

How should you have been prepared for leaving care?

What did you ask for?

Has your social worker done anything to help you to leave care? What support did you receive?

Do you think leaving care has been what you expected it to be?

What do you think has been the best thing about not being in care any longer?

What do you think has been the most difficult thing since you left care?

What financial support did you receive when you left care and since?

Did you have help from a specialist leaving care worker or did you attend a leaving care group?

How did your foster carers prepare you for leaving care?

Now that you have left care what rights do you think you have under the Children's Act, what do you think you can expect from Social Services in the future?

Personal Development

In what ways do you think you have taken new responsibilities in the last 6 months?

What do you think makes somebody an adult and not a child?

Do you think you are regarded as an adult by people around you who are important to you?

When you have to make a difficult decision, what do you do?

Do you feel others respect you and your views?

How do you choose your friends now?

Has any of these things changed in the last 6 months and why?

What do you think you'll be doing in 5 years time? Where do you think you will be living?

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Dear Colleague

I am a second year PhD student at Cranfield Institute of Technology, Department of Social Policy. My research topic is **Homelessness Among Young Women Leaving Care.**

The study aims to describe the process young women leaving care experience when leaving care and establishing themselves in independent accommodation. In addition, I am also interested in examining the factors leading to homelessness in general, and specifically, among young women leaving care.

I have the permission of Peter Smallridge and the fieldwork managers to conduct this research with young women in care who reach the age of 17 between September 1990 and the end of December 1990. I have also been given your name as the social worker for..... to discuss the research and the possibility of.....participating in this project. I will not contact.....without prior discussion with yourself. Interviews will start in January 1991, with those women aged 17 or 17 and 3 months.

Taking into account that many young women move into independent accommodation before the age of 18, I want to conduct the first interview with young women aged 17 and 3 months. This interview will then be followed by 3 further interviews at approximately 6 monthly intervals.

The interviews will encourage young women to express their experiences and views on their families, coming into care and leaving care with the emphasis on housing. The interview will not specifically address the policies of the social services department with regard to care or leaving care as the emphasis is on the process of leaving care in general. However, I do hope that young women will express their views on what they see as good services for leaving care and homelessness.

All the information will be treated confidentially and I will not disclose the young women's names or the area they are from.

I will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss this research further.

Please feel free to contact me for further information in the meantime, and thank you for your help and co-operation.

Yours Sincerely

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2nd January, 1991

Dear

I am a student at Cranfield Institute of Technology, Department of Social Policy. I am very interested in what happens to young people in care and after they have left care, particularly young people's views of care and leaving care.

A number of studies in London have found that a lot of young people who are homeless, have been in care despite the fact that young people in care represent only 1% of all young people. Clearly something seems to be going wrong somewhere and I would like to find some answers to the question of what happens to young women when they leave care.

My project is based on these concerns about leaving care and youth homelessness. I would like to follow a group of young women through the process of leaving care, giving young women an opportunity to tell their story as to what happened to them in care and when they left care.

I also hope that this study will help to make the argument for better support and accommodation for young people leaving care. Maybe, this is also your chance to have a say in what kind of services you would have found helpful.

I have been given permission by Warwickshire and Coventry Social Services Departments to contact young women in care over the age of 17 to see whether they would be interested in being part of the project and this is the reason why I am writing to you now.

I would very much like to meet with you and hope that you are interested in this project. At the first meeting you will very probably still be in care. I would like to talk to you about your experience of care, what has been difficult and what has been positive about care as well as your feelings and plans about leaving care.

During our discussion you have the right not to answer any questions which you feel are too personal or insensitive (I have tried to be as careful as possible and I hope the questions are not insensitive). In any case, this is not a questionnaire but much more a discussion about your experiences. Everything you say will be treated completely confidential and I will not give any information to the Social Services Department or your family. When the report is published, I will not give your name or the area you are from.

The aim of the project is to tell others what being in care and leaving care is like and I also hope that it will improve services for young people in care and leaving care.

I hope I have explained as much as possible about the project in this short letter. Clearly, you are the most important part of it and I am sure you still have quite a few more questions. If you think you might be interested in the project, could you complete the slip of paper below and return it in the stamped addressed envelope. Alternatively, you can ring me any time. The telephone number is at the top of the letter. Thanks for your help and I hope we'll have a chance to meet in the next few weeks.

Best Wishes,
Sue Wald

Please complete this slip and return it in the stamped addressed envelope. I will contact you to arrange a meeting or to give you more information about the project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____

Can you tell me what particular day during the week/weekend and what particular time daytime/evening is most convenient for you:

Appendix C: The Details of the Young Women

1. Holly

Holly came into care at 16 after conflict with stepfather and mother. Her father died when she was 9. Holly had 3 foster placements. The last placement disrupted when she was 17, voluntary care ended at 17 2 months.

1st Interview: 17 5 months

Holly moved to a hostel unplanned, she started a YT and she had contact with mother.

2nd Interview: 17 10 months

Holly remained at the hostel for over 12 months. She had lost her job, social worker was still in contact. There were problems with other women in the hostel. Holly was recently beaten up. She was now unemployed and had rent arrears. She was about to be evicted. She was in contact with her mother. She was thinking of moving in with her best friend.

3rd Interview: Age 18 4 months

Holly was evicted from hostel, stayed with her best friend but didn't get on with her mother and left after 6 weeks, no further contact with friends. Holly felt angry with her friend. After Holly had nowhere to live, her social worker took her to Coventry (8 miles away) to a homeless project. Holly was housed in a shared house and was then moved to another shared house to provide stability in the house. Holly was unemployed. She said she got on with other women in the house. She was in contact with mother, missed her home town. Holly lost two stone in the last six months, gave the impression of being easily exploited by men.

4th Interview: Age 18 11 months

Holly was evicted from shared house after violence with another girl and her friends, moved to YMCA hostel and then to another shared house run by a homeless project. Holly got on with other women in the house. She was talking about running away to Manchester with best friend (but doesn't). Doesn't like Coventry. She had contact with mother. There were no steady friends and she was still unemployed.

2. Jean

Jean was in care for nine years until the age of 16 because her mother suffered from MS and was a single parent. Jean was with the same foster parents on a shared care arrangement. Jean was of mixed parentage, her mother and foster parents were white. She had no contact with birth father. Jean was in supportive lodgings between 16 6 months and 17 because she wanted to have time to study for her A Levels. Jean was the main carer for mother.

1st Interview: Age 17

Jean was living at home after discharge from care 2 weeks ago. She was in full time education and lived with mother and younger sister. Friends lived locally, her mother supported her financially. Jean continued to be the main carer for mother.

2nd Interview: 12.9.1991 Age 17 7 months

Jean continued to live at home with sister and mother, she was looking after mother. She was attending school for A Levels. There was conflict at home with sister and newly employed care assistant who now did the main care. She had a new boyfriend.

3rd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Jean moved to lodging with ex foster parents after increasing conflict at home. She thought of living independently but couldn't afford to live in private sector and studying full time. Mother supported her financially and she had daily contact. The relationship with ex foster mother was difficult and the relationship with boyfriend had ended.

4th Interview: Age 18 7 months

Jean moved back at home after turning up when there had been an argument with her ex foster mother. She was again looking after mother. She had failed A Levels because her mother had been very ill and in hospital. She got on better with her sister. Jean wanted to retake A Levels next year and go to university. She was going out with same boyfriend again, spending time with him at weekends, planned to move to live with him after Christmas.

3. Kate

Kate came into care at 15 after her stepfather sexually assaulted her. Kate immediately told the allocated social worker and a care order was taken. Mother denied any assault. Kate was in an emergency placement and then moved to long term foster carers.

1st Interview: Age 17 3 months

Kate remained living in the same foster home, she left school in November when she found that she was pregnant. She was now unemployed. Her boyfriend lived near by and was supportive. Kate wanted social work help to find a flat for her, baby and boyfriend. She had contact with mother.

2nd Interview: Age 17 10 months

Kate was still on full care order. Baby daughter was 3 months old. She remained in the foster home after the birth of the baby. There was conflict in foster home over child care and boyfriend. Kate wanted to leave to live with boyfriend. She was still in contact with mother and birth father.

3rd Interview: Age 18 3 months

Kate was living in B&B with her new boyfriend. She left foster care after argument and lived with boyfriend and his parents for a few weeks. Her ex boyfriend was violent and his parents did not protect her. She first moved with baby into B&B, then moved back to live with her mother and step father. There were arguments with mother over going out and leaving the baby. She became homeless and moved around a number of bedsits and friends, baby stayed with mother. Currently the baby was on at risk register and court case was due over care arrangements. Kate wanted her baby to live with her and her new partner.

4th Interview: not completed.

Kate left area without leaving any address, baby still with mother.

4. Ruby

Ruby came into care after alleging sexual abuse by her brother at the age of 13. She was on a care order. She lived with 4 foster carers and alleged that she was abused by two of them. Ruby had some learning difficulties and was of mixed parentage but birth father died when she was born. At the age of 15 9 months the last foster placement disrupted and Ruby was placed with her grandmother. Her mother later moved in.

1st Interview: Age 17 2 months

Ruby continued to live with her gran in one bedroom flat. She share a bedroom with gran, mother slept in the lounge. Ruby was unemployed. She talked about some local friends.

2nd Interview: Age 17 8 months

Ruby was still living with gran. Her mother moved out to live with her boyfriend. Ruby was still unemployed. Gran worried about financial arrangements when Ruby left care and Social Services stopped financial support. Ruby complained about having little privacy when friends came.

3rd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Ruby was still living with gran but the relationship was difficult. The main conflict was over privacy and Ruby's boyfriend (sister's husband). Ruby was unemployed but was claiming attendance allowance for looking after her gran. Ruby wanted to have her own flat, no social work contact.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months

Ruby was living in a hostel for women. She had left her gran's to lodge with a friend. She moved twice to other lodgings and was then with nowhere to go, stayed with man she had just met and rented a room in the same block which she said was horrible. She spoke to her gran who helped her find this hostel. Ruby was very vulnerable, unemployed. She had a new boyfriend who she wanted to live with.

5. Alice

Alice came into care on a care order after physical abuse by her mother and step father, the foster placement was stable until the foster parents split up. Alice left at 16 to live with friends and moved a number of times. She had little contact with her mother after care order hearing. She briefly lived with her birth father but left after he sexually assaulted her.

1st Interview: Age 17 3 months

Alice lived with her boyfriend in a house he recently bought, she had been staying with his grandmother. Alice was unemployed but not claiming as boyfriend was working. She had few friends and irregular contact with grandfather.

2nd Interview: Age 17 9 months

Alice just moved to a rented flat after boyfriend lost job and house was repossessed. Alice split up from him after he threatened to hit her and was drinking heavily. She found flat herself but isn't sure whether social worker would organise rent in advance payment as she was still on a care order. She was doing YT in hairdressing.

3rd Interview: Age 18 3 months

Alice was 2 months pregnant and about to be evicted because of rent arrears which occurred after social services stopped subsidy without negotiation in February. Alice had a new boyfriend and friends but was very worried that she would be homeless soon. There was no social work contact. She was working part time as a cleaner.

4th interview: Age 18 11 months (incomplete over the telephone)

Alice went to live with boyfriend and his parents, left after argument and was housed in a B&B in Northampton. She now had 2 month old baby, split up from boyfriend and was due to move into her own place shortly. She didn't want a final interview.

6. Sally

Sally lived with her grandmother for 13 years after coming into care on a care order for neglect by her mother. The placement broke down when Sally was 16. Against social services wishes Sally moved in with her boyfriend and his family. She and her boyfriend were given a tenancy due to overcrowding at his parents place.

1st Interview: Age 17 2 months

Sally had been living with her boyfriend for 5 months in this one bedroom flat. She was unemployed after leaving a YT. It later turned out that Sally was 2 months pregnant at the time of interview.

2nd Interview: Age 17 8 months

Baby was still born and Sally was very upset but coping well. She was still living in the same flat and unemployed but supported by boyfriend and her mother.

3rd Interview: Age 18 3 months

Sally was living with boyfriend in same flat. She was still unemployed but 4 months pregnant, pregnancy planned, got on well with boyfriend and mother.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months

Sally had a healthy baby, 4 weeks old. She was very happy, living with boyfriend in flat, supported by her mother. Sally and boyfriend were both unemployed.

7. Kim

Kim came into care on care order after her father died when Kim was 13. She stayed with the same foster parents. Kim had moderate learning difficulties. She finished a special school and attended YT. Wanted to leave foster care to be more independent. She was sexually abused by father, never disclosed to SSD. She had no contact with her birth mother who left when Kim was 2.

1st Interview: Age 17 5 months

Kim had moved to a hostel for women because she wanted to be independent. She was working on YT. She got on okay in hostel. She was in contact with foster parents. She was supported by a specialist social worker and received financial help from SSD.

2nd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Kim continued to live at the hostel. She had worked part time but lost job because of row with her boss. She was unemployed. There was no social work support as worker left. She had a boyfriend and wanted her own place to have more privacy. She had established contact with birth mother and sister.

3rd Interview: Age 18 8 months

Kim continued to live in the same hostel but had rent arrears and was unemployed, she had the same boyfriend. She wanted her own place. She was supported by her mother and sister.

4th Interview: Age 19 2 months

Kim was evicted from hostel for rent arrears. She had moved to live with mother and sister but had an argument with her mother and left. She lived with boyfriend and his friends. She found bedsit with boyfriend through homeless project. Both were unemployed and Kim planned to have a baby.

PS Had baby a year later and lived with boyfriend for two years before splitting up.

8. Kelly

Kelly came in and out of care as a child, finally stayed at 15 after being sexually abused by her step father. Her mother had been physically abusing and neglecting her over years. Kelly was on a care order. A number of foster placements ended as relationships disrupted but stability at 15.

1st Interview: 17 3 months

Kelly was living in a contract foster home (12 weeks) and was 5 months pregnant (not planned), attended school to do GCSE, SSD was looking for a mother and baby placement. Kelly had split up from boyfriend

2nd Interview: 17 10 months

The baby was 2 months old, Kelly was living in mother and baby foster placement 3 miles from town. She was going out with boyfriend again. She was looking after the baby and would have liked to go to college but SSD wouldn't pay child care.

3rd Interview: Age 18 4 months

Kelly was still living in foster care with baby. The relationship with her foster mother was difficult. There were issues over privacy, but she stayed because of the baby. Kelly was supported by her father and going out with boyfriend. She was waiting for council flat. She had few friends and was feeling depressed.

4th Interview: Age 19

Kelly moved into council flat (2 bed) 6 weeks ago, boyfriend came and stayed regularly but Kelly didn't think relationship would last. The baby was hard work but she was coping well. Her father was supportive and she would have liked to go to college but couldn't afford child care.

9. Jaz

Jaz was Asian and came into voluntary care after conflict with mother and sister. Her father had mental health problems. She was 14 when she was running away and staying with friends. She went to 2 white foster placements at her own request, finished school. She had contact with her mother. After the 2nd foster placement disrupted Jaz went into lodgings.

1st Interview: Age 17 4 months

Jaz was living in lodgings, she got on well with them and attended a clerical YT. She had contact with her mother and family and a new boyfriend.

2nd Interview: Age 17 11 months

Jaz had moved into bedsit flat 1 month ago in a predominantly white area, 2 miles from mother. The foster placement came to quick end after 18 and there was no time to decorate flat (looking good), continued YT, broke up with boyfriend and still had support from her mother.

3rd Interview: Age 18 5 months

Jaz maintained the flat. She wanted to move after two break ins, harassment from Asian men. She continue her YT and was supported by her mother daily.

4th Interview: Age 19

Jaz had stayed with friends family for three weeks but didn't give up flat. She moved back after she felt she wanted more independence, she was supported by her mother. There was a new boyfriend. She had left YT after being sexually harassed. She was 2 months pregnant (not planned). She wanted to move and was awaiting a council transfer. Her tenancy was at risk because of rent arrears but she had made plans to pay these off.

10. Tanja

Tanja came into care at 14 after arguments with her parents and after she repeatedly ran away. She refused foster care and was placed in residential care. When she ran away with a friend she was raped. There was no contact with parents in care. Tanja left care at 16 when she was pregnant. She had a baby at 16 6 months

1st Interview: Age 17

Tanja had been living in her flat for six months with her baby, her boyfriend was staying and her parents were supportive after the birth of the baby. She was expecting a second child in 7 months and wanted to be a nanny.

No further interviews as Tanja's boyfriend didn't like the interview, Tanja was evicted from the flat and had a miscarriage.

11. Jo

Jo came into care at the age of 14 after conflict and physical abuse by her father. She had also been sexually abused (not disclosed). She moved through many foster homes and residential homes due to relationship breakdown with carers and no long term placement being available. She had regular contact with parents.

1st Interview: Age 17 1 month

Jo was living in lodgings which she arranged and which was supported by social services. She was currently unemployed and was best friends with the landlady's daughter.

2nd Interview: Age 17 7 months

Jo had moved to her own flat after the lodgings broke down, the rent was paid by SSD and her allowance was only 23 pounds a week. She was unemployed and recently left college because she didn't like the course. There were lots of friends coming to the flat and there were some difficulties in being harassed and people not leaving. She had social work support and support from mother.

3rd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Jo was about to be evicted for rent arrears after SSD stopped paying the rent when Jo was 18. There were also debts with fuel companies. Jo was working and staying with parents after flat was broken into a number of times. Social work support had ended unplanned. Living at home was difficult.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months

Jo was living with her boyfriend and renting a house without tenancy agreement. She had been living there 3 weeks. She had known her boyfriend for 4 weeks. She had left her parents and lodged with friends but this broke down.

She didn't have anywhere and stayed at pub where she worked. She had lost the previous job. She was now working for BT. The accommodation unstable and she had to leave 4 weeks later when boyfriend left her.

12. Hannah

Hannah came into care after physical abuse when she was 13. She alleged sexual abuse by her father. She went to two foster homes and was then placed in residential care; There was evidence of mental health problems and was in a secure unit. SSD placed her in a shared house at 16 which broke down quickly as Hannah was by herself and she was accused of arson. She returned to the children's home and left at 17 9 months to live in a hostel.

1st Interview: Age 17 4 months

Hannah was living in a hostel for women where she had been for a week. She didn't know anybody there. She had no friends and was unemployed. She had contact with her family.

2nd Interview: Age 17 10 months

Hannah ran away from the hostel after two girls had a fight and she was supposed to give evidence. She ran away to London, Central London Teenage Project, social worker contacted her and offered her to return to live at home. As there were no other alternatives Hannah returned home as she didn't have anywhere to go. She had been at home for 5 months. She was unemployed, frightened of father and didn't get on with younger brother and mother.

3rd Interview: Age 18 5 months

Hannah was still living at home. She was unemployed but doing part time college course. She wanted to leave home but felt scared of living independently in the same city. She thought her father would look for her. She had no friends. She said she had been running away to other cities but returned when she contacted her mother.

4th Interview: Age 19

Hannah continued at home. She was not happy but doing ET course. There was little prospect of leaving. She said her parents locked her out at night. She had no friends.

13. Amy

Amy came into voluntary care after her parents said they could not cope any longer with her running away and arguments at home until age 15. Amy was in one emergency foster home and then placed in residential care. At 16 she was moved to a shared house which she says she couldn't cope with. She had lots of friends, problems with police and was eventually evicted and remanded to care. Amy was given a flat at 17.

1st Interview: Age 17

Amy had just moved into her own flat, she was unemployed but due to start YT. The flat was furnished and she was supported by her social worker. There was no contact with family since she had come into care. There had been no further court cases.

2nd Interview: Age 17 8 months

Amy lost the flat after she was harassed and broken into by an ex boyfriend, she was given another flat but again her boyfriend smashed it when he found her. Amy left YT and flat and the city. She moved to a hostel where she only stayed two days after there was a fight. She was now living with boyfriend and his friends in a flat (awful state). She was unemployed but not claiming benefit and glue sniffing. She had recently re-established a good relationship with her parents.

3rd Interview: Age 18 one month

Amy left boyfriend and flat after he beat her and she found she was pregnant. She was briefly staying with parents who were supportive. She was allocated council flat after agreement to pay off previous arrears. She was still unemployed.

4th Interview: Age 18 8 months

Amy's baby was born one month ago. Amy was living in a council flat which was decorated. She had financial and emotional help from her parents. Her boyfriend had been threatening but her father was supportive. Amy would like transfer to other area out of city centre tower block.

14. Nancy

Nancy came into voluntary care at 13 when there were arguments at home after her parents separated. She was close to her father and did not want him to leave. Nancy went to two foster placements and was in one placement for two years. Nancy had moderate learning difficulties, she had regular contact with both parents and was doing a Life Skills Course.

1st Interview: Age 17 2 months

Nancy was still living in foster care. She said she wanted to stay another two years and attend college. She had contact with her mother and father but there were few friends.

2nd Interview: Age 17 8 months

Nancy continued to live in the same foster placement and was attending college. She didn't feel happy bringing friends.

3rd Interview: Age 18 3 months

Nancy left foster home because she didn't get on with another girl who moved in. She moved to lodgings but left after falling in love with the lodgings provider's son. She turned up at her mother's flat and moved in. She had been there one month and was sleeping on the settee. Nancy was unemployed, her social worker was not happy about the move home. Nancy gave the impression of being easily exploitable by men.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months

Nancy was living with her mother. She was pregnant and wanted her own flat but hadn't applied to the council yet. She had split up with her boyfriend and was unemployed.

There was little evidence of friends. She had no immediate plans to move.

15. Charlie

Charlie was of mixed parentage. She came into care at the age of two with her brother and moved through many foster placements until the age of 9. She was sexually abused during this time in foster care. Until the age of 16 she then lived with her brother in the same foster placement. The relationships deteriorated with her foster mum and Charlie was kicked out when she was 16. She moved to lodgings and a number of bedsits.

When she finally had nowhere to stay a colleague at work offered her to lodge with him and his wife. Charlie completed a YT in mechanics but wasn't taken on when the company went bust.

1st Interview: Age 17 4 months

Charlie was living in lodgings. She was working in a factory and her boyfriend just lived round the corner. She saw him every day and was supported by his parents. There was contact with her mother after 16 years.

2nd Interview: Age 17 11 months

Charlie was still living in lodgings. She was close to her boyfriend and his family. She fell out with her mother and brother after a row. She was working in a factory full time but on a low wage. She wanted to live with her boyfriend.

3rd Interview: Age 18 5 month

Charlie was still in lodgings but wanted to leave. She felt the landlord was sexually harassing her. She remained close to her boyfriend. She was working in a factory but wanted a better job.

4th Interview: Age 19

Charlie was staying with a girlfriend after she had to leave lodgings as there was an argument with the landlord over money. She stayed with her boyfriend's family but there wasn't much space. She was looking to rent or buy with her boyfriend in the next four weeks.

16. Ann

Ann came into care at the age of four after neglect, physical and sexual abuse (not disclosed). She moved through at least 20 foster homes which ended mainly due to relationship breakdowns and Ann's demanding behaviour. Ann had little contact with her mother, her father died when she was nine. She had little contact with siblings in care.

1st Interview: Age 17

Ann was living in foster care where she has been for 18 months. She got on well with her foster mother and the other kids. She was working on a YT as a hairdresser. She had no contact with mother.

2nd Interview: Age 17 6 months

Ann was still living in the same foster placement but she was worried about having to leave at 18. She continued with her YT and in the pub in the evening. She had no close friends.

3rd Interview: Age 18 1 month

Ann was living in her own flat (untidy) where she had been for one month. She had contact with her mother (but this remained difficult) and had a new boyfriend who stayed regularly. She had contact with her foster parents although the placement nearly disrupted. She lost her job and was now unemployed but wanted to continue her training.

4th Interview: Age 18 8 months

Ann was still in her flat but she had arrears because she didn't claim housing benefit and she was broken into. She's had three jobs in the last few months and lost them after falling out with the employer. She had a new boyfriend and a court appearance pending for burglary. She had contact with her mother but no support.

17. Lisa

Lisa came into care after her mother died and her step father couldn't cope. She lived in the same foster home and left at 17 when she fell in love with their son. Lisa moved into lodgings and was training to be a hairdresser. The contact with her foster parents was good.

1st Interview: Age 17 3 months

Lisa was working and had been living in lodgings for one month. She wanted to live with her step father but this was not possible at the moment because he was still coping with her mother's death.

There were no further interviews possibly because foster father was charged with indecent exposure and SSD was involved. Lisa knew that I worked for the department.

18. Viv

Viv came into care three years ago after she didn't get on with her stepmother who she said abused all children physically. Viv came into care with her siblings and stayed in a foster home for three years. She left after arguments over her independence and her boyfriend.

1st Interview: Age 17

Viv was living in a hostel 8 miles from her home town. She regretted having left and she had contact with her foster family. She was unemployed but due to start a YT in the next week. She was shocked by how independent she was having to be in the hostel.

2nd Interview: Age 17 7 months

Viv had been living in a shared house belonging to a homeless project for 6 months.

There were problems with visitors and she fell out with the other resident. In the end there was a fight and Viv left. She stayed in a nightshelter and a B&B and contacted her foster parents. They offered her to come home. Viv stayed there and then moved to the foster family's daughter as a lodger. She was unemployed but glad to be with her family.

No further interviews as Viv moved to Wales to be with her birth mother.

19. Pat

Pat came into care at the age of 14 after family conflict thinking care was like 'home and away'. She moved through a number of foster placements which ended due to conflict, Pat staying out and falling out with other young people. Pat became pregnant at 15 and said she had planned the baby. The baby's father left and Pat was left with the baby in foster care at the age of 16. Three months after the birth of her baby she was pregnant again (accident) and decided to go ahead with the pregnancy.

1st Interview: Age 17

Pat's 2nd baby was due this month. She was living in a mother and baby foster placement where she planned to remain for some time until both children were settled. Pat had contact with her mother but no contact with either father of her children.

2nd Interview: Age 17 7 months

Pat was still in the same foster placement with her two children. She was not happy there because of the rules and restrictions and she shared a room with both children. She had stayed with other foster parents for a short period but couldn't stay there and decided to return because the children liked her foster mother. Pat would like to move as soon as possible to a council tenancy.

3rd Interview: Age 18 one month

Pat had been in her own flat for a month with her two children. She was not working and her mother supported her. SSD investigated her after a friend alleged that she was taking drugs. Pat said she went to raves but didn't not take drugs when the children were at home. She was angry with SSD and didn't want to have any contact.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months

Pat still had her flat but she had debts and arrears and had not been staying there for the last four weeks. She had been with her boyfriend in Coventry. One child was with her mother and the other with her former foster carer. She thought that both children were on the at risk register. Debts were due to drugs, Pat didn't know what to do. She wanted to have fun and wanted her children.

A few weeks later Pat received debts counselling and had moved with her boyfriend into her flat. A year later she had both children back.

20. Diane

Diane came into care at 14 and again at 15 after family conflict and physical abuse. Diane was also sexually abused (not disclosed). Diane stayed in three foster placements and got on best with the first foster parents but was returned home after a few weeks. The last foster placement lasted beyond 17 and Diane was in full time education.

1st Interview: Age 17 3 months

Diane was living in foster care where she had been for 2 years. She shared a bedroom with her younger foster sister and they didn't get on. Diane didn't feel part of the family but she got on with her foster mother and attended college on a 2 year BTEC.

2nd Interview: Age 17 9 months

Diane was still living with her foster carer but the relationships deteriorated and she was not getting on at all with the family. She was staying mainly with her boyfriend's family but remained in foster care to finish her course before going to university in October.

3rd Interview: Age 18 4 months

Diane was at university doing a BA in social science and living in a student shared house. The foster home disrupted shortly after the last interview and she stayed with her boyfriend's family until October. She liked college but thought it was hard work and the money was tight. She had little contact with her family but was close to her sister. She was supported by her boyfriend and his family.

4th Interview: Age 18 11 months

Diane had nearly finished the first year. She wasn't sure where she was going to live next year but hoped to rent the same house again. She was still with her boyfriend but there were many arguments. Diane managed college well. She had good marks and friends at college but felt that she needed counselling for abuse.

21 Linda

Linda came into care at the age of 14 after neglect and an allegation of sexual abuse by an older step sister. All five siblings were taken into care. Linda was placed with her sister in foster care and never got on very well with her carers but stayed for two years. After the placement disrupted she went to three other placements and then found that she was pregnant and was placed in lodgings. She had close contact with siblings and family.

1st Interview: Age 17 2 months

Linda was in lodgings. She was unemployed and four months pregnancy. Her boyfriend was supportive and she had daily contact with her family.

2nd Interview: Age 17 10 months

Linda had a four month old baby and was living with her boyfriend and his sister sharing a two bedroom flat. She left lodgings after arguments over her boyfriend and going out. Linda and her boyfriend were unemployed. The baby had been on the at risk register after allegation of neglect.

3rd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Linda was living with her parents and her brother in a very overcrowded house. She left her boyfriend after he had been drinking and he had been violent. She just turned up at home but could move in. Her parents helped with the baby.

4th Interview: Age 18 9 months.

Linda continued to live with her parents and she was expecting her second child from her ex boyfriend. He had not been in contact and she didn't want any contact. She wanted her own place but hadn't applied to the council as yet. She had few friends but her parents were supportive.

22. Mary

Mary came into care at the age of two with her sister after her father abused her sister and her mother left the family. Mary lived with long term carers and the placement broke down after nine years when Mary disclosed being abused by her sister and the family had not adopted her which she was upset about. Mary then moved through a number of short term foster placements. Mary still had contact with her sister but no contact with any other member of her family.

1st Interview: Age 17 2 months

Mary was living with a foster carer where she had been for nine months. They got on well. Mary was working in a nursery and she had a boyfriend.

2nd Interview: Age 17 8 months

Mary continued to live with the same carer but relationships deteriorated and there was another girl living with them whom Mary didn't like. She was working in the nursery but split up from her boyfriend. Mary was raped and received counselling. She had contact with her sister. Mary wasn't sure whether she wanted to stay or leave the foster placement.

3rd Interview: Age 18 3 months

Mary was living in her own one bedroom council flat where she had been for two months. After the last interview there was a major argument with her foster mother and Mary was upset and angry. Her social worker agreed to move her to emergency foster parents. Mary stayed for a few weeks and then moved to a shared house run by a the council for homeless applicants. Mary didn't get on well there but stayed until a council tenancy was allocated. Mary was still upset about the temporary hostel and leaving the foster placement. She had a new boyfriend. Due to the changes Mary also lost her job and had an argument with her sister.

4th Interview: Age 18 10 months

Mary maintained her flat. She was unemployed and feeling depressed. A sessional worker from SSD offered some support. She had a new boyfriend but the relationship was difficult as he used glue and there had been problems with neighbours locally. Contact with sister minimal. She recently met father after 16 years.

23. Mo

Mo came into care at the age of 16 when her mother left her and her brother to live with her boyfriend. Mo's gran was looking after the children for a few weeks but couldn't cope with their demands. Mo and her brother were placed in foster care. Mo stayed for nine months but relationships with the foster mother were very difficult. Mo left shortly before her 17th birthday to live in a hostel for women.

1st Interview: Age 17

Mo was living in a hostel where she had been for a few months. She was unemployed and supported by her gran. She had no contact with her mother. Mo didn't like the hostel because she and her boyfriend had little privacy.

2nd Interview: Age 17 9 months

Mo Continued to live in the hostel. She was doing a YT and she had a termination in the last few months. The hostel worker had supported her through this. Mo was supported by her gran and her boyfriend. Privacy remained a major issue for Mo.

3rd Interview: Age 18 2 months

Mo remained in the hostel and she wanted to leave and felt the lack of privacy was putting her relationship with her boyfriend under pressure. Mo was four months pregnant and she decided to have the baby. She lost her YT place and lost another job she recently found. She was now unemployed but wanted to go to college after the baby was born. Support came from her gran and she recently had contact with her mother.

4th Interview: Age 18 8 months

Mo moved to a one bedroom council flat in a tower block after two years in the hostel. She had a baby which was two month old. Mo lived in a B&B for a few weeks before moving to the flat three months ago. Her boyfriend stayed but wasn't living there. Mo enjoyed the baby and thought it had brought responsibility. Her gran was supportive. She didn't want to live in a tower block with a baby.

24. Janice

Janice came into care at the age of two or three when her mother and father separated and her mother couldn't cope looking after four children. Janice was the youngest. After a few short term foster placements she was placed with long term carers. Janice stayed her for the next 14 years. She finished school and was doing a BETEC.

1st Interview: Age 17 3 months

Janice lived with foster carers whom she regarded as her parents. She was doing a BTEC and had contact with father and occasionally with her mother.

2nd Interview: Age 17 9 months

Janice remained with foster carers and had no plans to move. She finished the BTEC and was looking for a job. She was working part time at a swimming pool.

3rd Interview: Age 18 4 months

Janice remained with foster carers and had no plans to move. She was doing a YT in clerical work which she didn't like. She had more contact with her mother and brothers after a cousin died.

4th Interview not completed. 18 11 months

Janice came to the Young Homeless Project saying she had left her foster carers after an argument (after 14 years) when Janice had not been working. She went to live with her mother and her brother. The relationships broke down, so she rented a place with her brother. Again she lost the place after they could not afford the rent. Janice found a job, thought about getting engaged, but later split up. After a few months Janice was working and living with her mother.

Appendix D: Interview Schedule for Survey of Young Women Formerly Looked After

The following agencies agreed to participate in the research:

Coventry Cyrenians

Coventry Young Homeless Project

Women in Temporary Accommodation

Hinckley Young Homeless Project

Rugby Mayday Trust

Binswood Lodge Hostel

Warwick and Leamington Young Homeless Project

Warwickshire County Council Social Services Dept.

Warwick District Council Housing Dept.

NAYPIC

The interview will cover areas such as experience of homelessness, different types of accommodation, reasons for homelessness, coping mechanisms developed by young women, the experience of young black women, young women who are carers, experience of the care system, future aspirations and hopes as well as support networks, income, health and employment and training, how young women gained permanent accommodation and their views on adulthood.

Current Situation

Can you describe where you live now?

What kind of accommodation is it?

How long have you been here?

Is there a time limit on how long you can stay, how long do you want to stay?

Do you feel safe living here?

Has anybody asked you to leave here?

Are there any rules living here and what do you think of those rules? Can you change any rules? Can you have furniture/decorate?

Can you bring any friends here? How do you feel about bringing friends here?

What about the physical state of the room or building and its state of repair?

Does this place feel like a place where you belong?

What do you think of when you think of your own home or the word home?

On a scale of 1 to 10 how close does this place come to being a home for you in terms of

a) safety

b) security of stay

c) control over what you do

d) physical state of repair

e) bringing friends

Are there any other people living here?

How do you get on with them?

What do you like about living here?

What is difficult about living here?

Income and Work

How much money do you receive a week and where from?

Do you receive any DSS Benefits/Housing Benefit, family, friends?

How do you spent your money?

Do you run out of money, weekly, fortnightly?

What do you go without once you run out of money

What do you do once you run out of money?

Does anybody help you getting access to Benefits

Do you work at the moment, how did you find this job and what do you like/dislike about this job?

How many jobs/YT have you had since leaving school?

Why have you changed jobs or lost a job in the past 2/4 years ?

Do you have any educational qualifications?

Health

Have you felt depressed during the time you were homeless or any other time and why do you think that is?

Have you ever been on anti depressants?

Have you ever taken an overdose?

Support Network

Who are the people most important to you?

Who do you go to for help and support?

Do you have a boyfriend? how does he help?

Who are your most important friends and why?

How long have you known them?

How much do you think being in care changed your views on friendship.?

Has being in care made a difference to how you make friends?

How much contact do you have with your family, particularly with your mother?

Has your relationship with your family, especially mother changed?

Did you go/consider going home when you were homeless or any other time?

of repair, a social space giving control over what young women can do.

Accommodation History

Can you describe all the places you lived in after leaving your foster home/ children's home?

(Each one how did you find it, who helped you, how did you get on with others there, why did you leave?

Why did you give up permanent accommodation?

How did you feel about moving/ not knowing where to go?

Was there one particular person who helped you during this time?

What did you find particularly difficult during this time?

How did you feel about being homeless?

Did you consider renting a flat/bedsit/room and why not/was it not possible?

Did you ever plan to share with friends, why/not?

Did you ever plan to move in with your partner?

Did you ever consider going to live with your parents/foster parents and was this an option?

Family Experience and Care Experience

How did you get on with your parents, brothers sisters?

Did your family have any particular difficulties?

Why did you come into care and when?

Care Experience

How many foster homes/children's homes did you stay in? How did you get on in the places you stayed in? why did you move?

Do you think the number of times you moved when you were in care influences your sense of security now?

Who helped you while you were in care?

What was difficult about being in care?

What did you like about being in care?

Do you think being in care hurt you/ let you down?

Is there anything you feel being in care has given you that you didn't have at home?

Is there anything else being in care should have given you that you didn't have at home?

How should being in care have helped you to grow up?

What does growing up mean to you?

Do you think you were treated differently in care because you were a girl/black (by foster parents, social workers)?

Do you think being in care made you different from other young women/ changed you ?

When did you leave care?

What has been the most difficult thing about leaving care ?

What did you like about leaving care?

Who helped you after you left care?

Did you get any financial help from SSD. Did you feel prepared for leaving care? If so, how were you prepared for leaving care?

Has leaving care been what you expected it to be like?

What help did you get from your social worker after you left care? How often did you see them? Last visit?

In what way did your foster parents help you leave care?

Future

What would you like for the future?

This section looks at future aspirations and wishes assessing their outlook and a self assessment of their future.

Young Women as Carers

Did you plan to have a baby, why?

Did you consider having a termination, why/ not?

How did you feel when you found out you were pregnant?

What difference has the birth of the baby made to your life?

What do you like about having a baby?

What do you find difficult? Did you feel SSD checked on you?

What support do you receive from the father?/your parents?

Do you think you are different from other young women your age?

How is having the baby different from what you expected?

How has having a baby changed you?

How has having a baby affected your relationship with your parents?

Has having a baby affected your housing?

Young Black Women

How do you experience racism and how do you deal with it?

Do you think race was an issue in

a) care

b) In finding accommodation?

Do you think you were treated differently in hostel/B&B? Do you feel you know about your culture and background and how has leaving home influenced your position in your community?

10) Personal Development

a) Semantic Differential as outlined previously to be able to compare young women's development in both groups. However, I will restrict it to what young women are like now and in 12 months time.

c) Questions

Do you think adults and friends treat you differently as an adult?

What do you think makes a person an adult for you?

In what ways do you take responsibility for what you do?

If you have to make a difficult decision what do you do?

Do you feel others respect you and your views?

How do you choose your friends now?

Do you think these things have changed since you left care?

What would you like for the future?

15th August, 1993

Dear

I have recently been appointed as Co-ordinator of the Warwick and Leamington Young Homeless Project. The Young Homeless Project is supporting my research into Young Women Leaving Care, Housing and Homelessness. The research is registered with the Institute of Technology in Cranfield and has the support of the Association of Directors of Social Services Departments and Centrepont Soho.

The research project falls into two parts.

The first part follows a group of young women throughout the process of leaving the care of the local authority. The aim of this part of the study is to describe the process young women experience when leaving care and establishing themselves in independent accommodation paying particular attention to the issue of homelessness.

The second part of the research study is a once off survey of young women who are homeless and formerly looked after up to the age of 16 and who are now between the ages of 19 and 21. The aim of this part of the research is to compare an older group of young women who were looked after with the group in the initial study. I am particularly interested in the factors leading to homelessness and the role of the care system in making young women who have been in care vulnerable to homelessness.

I have nearly completed the follow up study in Coventry and Warwickshire. I conducted a pilot study for the survey some 18 months ago and found that a personal approach to organisations and young women will be necessary to explain the project in more detail.

I am now looking to interview young women who are homeless in these two areas, who were looked after until at least their 16th birthday and who are between the ages of 19 and 21. I am defining homeless as being without permanent and safe accommodation for at least 4 weeks and this includes young women staying in hostels, Bed and Breakfast,

with friends, in violent relationships, other temporary arrangements and sleeping rough.

The interview will give young women the opportunity to describe their experience leading to homelessness and the ways they are dealing with this situation. I am also interested in what young women regard as good services regarding homelessness and leaving care.

All the information which I receive will be treated confidentially and I will not disclose young women's names or the area they are from.

I am aware that your organisation works with young women who are homeless. I am therefore approaching you to discuss the possibility of participating in this project. If your agency agrees to participate, I would agree with you a system whereby I would be able to approach those young women who you work with to discuss the research with them.

I will contact you in the near future to discuss this proposal in more detail or alternatively please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel you would be interested in participating in this project subject to further discussions.

I look forward to speaking to you soon,

Yours Sincerely,

Sue Wald

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10th August 1993

Dear

I hope you don't mind me writing to you. I am currently working on a project with young women leaving care in Coventry and Warwickshire.

The aim of the project is to find out what happens once young people leave care, where young women move to and what kind of accommodation and help would have been useful. You probably know how difficult it is to find accommodation in this area, either from the council or in the private market. I hope that my project will make a case for more accommodation to become available in future.

I would like to talk to women who have been in care in the past. My main interest is to find out what happens, what has been difficult and what has worked well.

Social Services has kindly agreed to forward this letter to you to ask whether you would be interested to meet with me. This project is completely independent from the Social Services Department. Everything you say will be treated completely confidential and I am the only person who will keep the interview material.

I would very much like to meet with you to find out your views. You can contact me either by writing to me or phoning. During the day you can reach me at the Young Homeless Project in Leamington Spa on 0926 883179. In the evenings I am on 0926 330494.

Thank you very much for your help and I hope to speak to you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Sue Wald

Appendix E: QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND FOSTER CARERS

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is based on a case study approach. In order to select the right case, please ensure that you have all the relevant information. You won't need to have to refer to case files. You need to have information and knowledge of the following areas:

- **Reasons for admission to care or accommodation**
- **Number of placements whilst looked after**
- **Reasons for disruption of placements**
- **Age at which the young woman moved into independence**
- **Housing history of the first 18 months after moving into independence**
- **Employment and further education history**
- **Knowledge of sources of support once she moved into independence**
- **Nature of the preparation for leaving care**
- **Nature of after care support**
- **Ability to establish and maintain relationships**
- **Nature of young woman's independent living skills**

Note: The layout of the questionnaire has been changed to comply with the submission requirements for the PhD.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND FOSTER CARERS

Before you complete all the questions, please read the following instructions

The questionnaire will take about 20 minutes to complete

Please be as accurate as you can

You need to have information about the young woman you select as a case from admission to care until the first 18 months of moving into independence.

Moving into independence means the first accommodation after leaving a foster home or residential home. If the young woman moved home to live with parent/s then this must not be followed by a further admission to care. Moving into independence is independent of the official age at which the young woman’s care order or accommodation ended.

Looked after refers to young women accommodated or on care orders.

Homelessness is defined as living in accommodation which is insecure in tenure and potentially unsafe in terms of health and safety such as sleeping rough, sleeping on a friend’s floor, unplanned temporary stays with friends, B&B, hostels, nightshelters, temporary specialist projects.

Disruption of Foster/Residential Placement means the placement did not last as long as planned and the young woman left without returning within three months. It also exludes planned and unplanned respite for the carer of up to four weeks. If the last placement before moving into independence did not last as long as planned , please include it as a disruption.

(√) = please tick one answer in the boxes provided below

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION IN THE BOX PROVIDED

1. Age at last admission to care (√)

0-4	5-10	11-13	14-17
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2. Reason for being looked after
(please rank up to three answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important one)

physical abuse

sexual abuse

physical and sexual abuse

relationship breakdown due to conflict

challenging behaviour

parental neglect

parental illness

criminal offence/remand

other reason, please specify

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☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

3. Number of foster placements before moving into independence (√)

0	1	2-4	5-10	11+
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4. Number of residential placements before moving into independence (√)

0	1	2-4	5-10	11+
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5. Did any foster or residential placement last at least 2 years between the ages of 14-17 ?(√)

yes	no	don't know
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6. How many foster home disruptions were there after the age of 13 ?(√)

0	1	2-4	5+
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If the last placement before moving into independence did not last as long as planned please include it as a disruption. If there were no placement disruptions please go to question 8

7. For each of the last three Fosterhome disruptions noted below which was the main reason ? (please tick one answer for each of the three questions)

7a. 1st Fosterhome disruption

young woman unable to accept rules in foster home	☐
relationship breakdown with foster carers	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

7b. 2nd Fosterhome disruption

young woman unable to accept rules in foster home	☐
relationship breakdown with foster carers	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

7c. 3rd Fosterhome disruption

young woman unable to accept rules in foster home	☐
relationship breakdown with foster carers	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

8. How many disruptions of Residential placements were there after the age of 13? (✓)

0	1	2-4	5
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If there were no disruptions please go to question 10

9. What was the main reason for each of the last three disruptions of residential placements noted below ?(please tick one answer for each of the three questions below)

9a. 1st Residential Disruption

young woman unable to accept rules	☐
relationship breakdown with other yp	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

9b. 2nd Residential Disruption

young woman unable to accept rules	☐
relationship breakdown with other yp	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

9c. 3rd Residential Disruption

young woman unable to accept rules	☐
relationship breakdown with other yp	☐
young woman wanting independence	☐
young woman's challenging behaviour	☐
other, please specify	☐

10. Did the young woman have the same friends for at least two years who would help her in a crisis when she was looked after? (✓)

yes	no	don't know
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11. Did the young woman learn to make compromises in her relationships with foster carers ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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12. Did the young woman find it difficult to trust anybody after at least three foster home disruptions ?(✓)

yes	no	does not apply
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13. At which age did the young woman move into independence ?(✓)

16	17	18	19
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14. Was this move into independence part of a social work plan at this time ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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15. Do you think she knew of all the difficulties she would face when living independently ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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16. Where did the young woman first move to when moving into independence ?(please tick only one answer)

local authority/HA tenancy	☐
private rented tenancy	☐
lodgings	☐
parental home	☐
boyfriend/boyfriends family	☐
friend's floor	☐
hostel/shared supported housing	☐
specialist scheme for young people	☐
B&B	☐
sleeping rough	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

17. How long did she stay in her first accommodation ?(✓)

up to3 months	3-6 months	7-12 months
13-17 months	18 months+	don't know

18. Did the young woman move within the following 18 months ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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If no go to question 19

18a. If Yes (please tick only 1 answer)
Why did she move the first time ?

eviction because of rent arrears	☐
eviction because of own/friends behaviour	☐
could no longer afford accommodation	☐
relationship breakdown with those sharing	☐
young woman wanted better housing	☐
young woman wanted to run away from difficulties	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

18b. Where did the young woman move to next? (please tick only 1 answer)

local authority/HA tenancy	☐
private rented tenancy	☐
lodgings	☐
parental home	☐
boyfriend/boyfriends family	☐
friend's floor	☐
hostel/shared supported housing	☐
specialist scheme for young people	☐
B&B	☐
sleeping rough	☐
ex foster carer	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

18c. How many times did she move within the next 18 months ?(✓)

0	1	2-3	4-5
6-9	10+	don't know	

18d. Did she ever stay in any of the following places?(please tick all relevant answers)

local authority/HA tenancy	☐
private rented tenancy	☐
lodgings	☐
parental home	☐
ex foster carer	☐
boyfriend/boyfriends family	☐
friend's floor	☐
hostel/shared supported housing	☐
specialist scheme for yp	☐
B&B	☐
sleeping rough	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

18e. If the young woman was unable to maintain accommodation during the first 18 months after moving into independence was this because of :
(rank up to three answers in order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

accommodation too expensive	☐
lack of secure tenure in private sector	☐
wanting to leave rather than face difficulties	☐
yw behaviour leading to frequent evictions	☐
frequent relationship breakdown with others	☐
lack of stable support systems	☐
don't know	☐

19. Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence?(please tick one answer)

local authority/HA tenancy	☐
private rented tenancy	☐
lodgings	☐
parental home	☐
ex foster carer	☐
boyfriend/boyfriends family	☐
friend's floor	☐
hostel/shared supported housing	☐
specialist scheme for yp	☐
B&B	☐
sleeping rough	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

If the young woman was not staying with friends after moving into independence please go to question 21

20. If the young woman was ever staying with friends after moving into independence, did she stay as long as planned?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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20a. Where did she move to after leaving her friend's?(please tick one answer)

local authority/HA tenancy	☐
private rented tenancy	☐
lodgings	☐
parental home	☐
ex foster carer	☐
boyfriend/boyfriends family	☐
friend's floor	☐
hostel/shared supported housing	☐
specialist scheme for young people	☐
B&B	☐
sleeping rough	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

If the young woman has never been homeless please go to question 22

21. If the young woman has been homeless (see definition in the introduction), did she secure permanent and safe housing through:
(please tick one answer)

successful priority homeless application to the housing department	☐
allocation of local authority/H A tenancy because she was a care leaver	☐
cohabitation with partner	☐
family provided secure housing	☐
secured private sector tenancy (<12 months)	☐
ex foster family provided lodgings/home	☐
remained homeless after 18 months	☐
don't know	☐
other, please specify	☐
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22. In your opinion was the housing of the young woman for the first 18 months since moving into independence :*(please tick one answer)*

- predominantly secure in tenure and safety
(stable council/HA tenancy, private sector tenancy, stable lodgings, stable parental home)

☐
- predominantly insecure in tenure and unsafe
(hostels, nightshelter, B&B, Friend's, Boyfriends')

☐
- insecure but becoming secure in tenure and safety

☐
- secure but becoming insecure in tenure and unsafe

☐
- don't know

☐

23. Did the young woman have children ?*(✓)*

yes	no	don't know
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If no please go to question 26

24. How old was she when her first child was born ?*(✓)*

15	16	17
18	19	dk

25. Were any of the child/ren on the child protection register or looked after by the time she was 19 ?*(✓)*

yes	no	don't know
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26. Did the young woman have any of the following educational qualifications?
(please tick the highest qualification)

- GCSE less than 3

☐
- GCSE 4-5

☐
- GCSE more than 5

☐
- A Levels

☐
- B TEC National

☐
- No Qualifications

☐
- don't know

☐

27. After school did she first enter:

- youth training

☐
- full time employment

☐
- further education

☐
- higher education

☐
- became unemployed

☐
- other, please specify

☐
-
- don't know

☐

If the young woman was continually unemployed or caring for a child go to question 31

28. Did the young woman complete the following course/programme and get a qualification ? *(✓)*

YT	Did not complete
Higher education	Did not qualify
Further Education	Don't know

29. Did she change jobs between 16 and 19 ?*(✓)*

0	1	2-4
5-9	10+	DK

DK = Don't know

30. If she changed training or jobs was this because of : *(please rank up to 3 answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)*

- conflict with others at work

☐
- low pay

☐
- sacked because of unreliability

☐
- other reason, please specify

☐
-
- don't know

☐

31. What was the young woman's employment status at the age of 19? *(✓)*

- employed

☐
- student/trainee

☐
- caring for a child

☐
- unemployed

☐
- don't know

☐

32. Who do you think the young woman would have named as providing the main consistent emotional support during those first 18 months after moving into independence ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance starting with 1 as the most important)

Friends	☐
Partner	☐
Mother	☐
Father	☐
Other Family Member	☐
Social Worker	☐
Specialist Worker	☐
Ex Foster Carer	☐
Nobody	☐
Other, please specify	☐
.....	
Don't know	☐

33. Who do you think the young woman would have named as providing the main consistent material support such as money, accommodation, help with child care and furniture during the first 18 months after moving into independence ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

Friends	☐
Partner	☐
Mother	☐
Father	☐
Other Family Member	☐
Social Worker	☐
Specialist Worker	☐
Ex Foster Carer	☐
Nobody	☐
Other, please specify	☐
.....	
Don't know	☐

34. Did the young woman have a long term partner (over 12 months) during the first 18 months of moving into independence ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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35. In your opinion how consistent was the source of support ranked as 1 in question 32 once it had been established ?(✓)

consistent	on&off	unsure
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36. In your opinion was the young woman able to maintain supportive relationships with others whilst she was looked after ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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37. In your opinion was the young woman able to maintain supportive relationships with others after moving into independence ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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38. In your opinion do you think the young woman was able to accept the consequences of her actions if something went wrong ?(✓)

always	mostly	sometimes
rarely	never	don't know

39. In your opinion do you think the young woman thought of the consequences of her actions beforehand ?(✓)

always	mostly	sometimes
rarely	never	don't know

40. In your opinion did the young woman Either: (tick one box or if both apply rank in the order of importance starting with 1 as the most important)

See herself as a victim blaming others for the difficulties she encountered when she moved into independence	☐
Want to have fun rather than carry responsibility when she moved into independence	☐
Don't know	☐

41. Do you think the young woman had good independent living skills which were enhanced by coping with difficult circumstances ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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42. Do you think the young woman was aware of the effect of her own decisions when coping in difficult circumstances ?(✓)

always	mostly	sometimes
rarely	never	don't know

43. Did anything create a major change in the young woman's behaviour in the 18 months after moving into independence in such a way that she became more settled in her accommodation and if appropriate child care? (✓)

yes	no	don't know
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If no please go to question 45

44. If yes was this because of: (please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

full time employment	☐
having a child	☐
holding a permanent secure tenancy	☐
rebuilding relationships with parent/s	☐
support of partner	☐
returning to live with ex foster carer	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

45. Did the young woman ever give you the impression that she regarded the time she was looked after as a phase of 'teenage rebellion' which had ended by the time she was 19 ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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46. What issues were addressed in depth during the preparation for leaving care ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginnning with 1 as the most important)

budgeting	☐
domestic skills	☐
welfare benefits	☐
housing advice	☐
managing relationships	☐
dealing with personal issues	☐
physical health	☐
mental health	☐
employment	☐
learning to take responsibility	☐
decision making skills	☐
building self esteem	☐
negotiation skills	☐
no specific issues were addressed	☐
don't know	☐

If no specific issues were addressed was this because of:

young woman moved into independence unplanned and in an emergency	☐
lack of social work time	☐
no allocated worker to undertake work	☐
young woman rejecting social work	☐
other, please specify	☐

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don't know	☐
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47. Was the preparation for leaving care predominantly part of ?(please tick one)

ongoing case work	☐
specialist preparation sessions (individual)	☐
specialist sessions (Group work)	☐
drop in sessions at a specialist project	☐
counselling	☐
no specific preparation sessions	☐
other, please specify	☐

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don't know	☐
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48. Who undertook the main after care support work ?(please tick all relevant answers)

field social worker	☐
specialist leaving care worker	☐
foster carer	☐
sessional worker	☐
no after care support worker	☐
don't know	☐

49. What intensive work was undertaken with the young woman after she moved into independence ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

budgeting	☐
domestic skills	☐
welfare benefits	☐
housing advice	☐
managing relationships	☐
dealing with personal issues	☐
physical health	☐
mental health	☐
employment	☐
learning to take responsibility	☐
decision making skills	☐
building self esteem	☐
negotiation skills	☐
no specific issues were addressed	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
.don't know	☐

50. What methods were used during the after care work ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

case work by field worker	☐
keyworking by specialist worker	☐
counselling	☐
group work	☐
drop in	☐
sessional work sessions	☐
no specific methods were used	☐
other, please specify	☐
.....	
don't know	☐

51. How long was the young woman financially supported for by the Social Services Department? (✓)

less than 6 months	6-12 months
13-18 months	more than 18 months
don't know	

51a. How long was the young woman supported for by the case accountable social worker ?(✓)

less than 6 months	6-12 months
13-18 months	more than 18 months
don't know	

If the young woman was supported by a specialist project or worker how long was she supported for ?(✓)

less than 6 months	6-12 months
13-18 months	more than 18 months
don't know	

52. How old was the young woman when the main support in question 51 ended ? (✓)

16	17	18	19+	don't know
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53. Were there any difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care work ?(✓)

yes	no	don't know
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If yes
53a. What were the difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care work in this case ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

lack of time because of time pressure☐

lack of financial resources from SSD☐

lack of affordable housing options ☐

lack of employment options ☐

low income of young woman ☐

young woman’s challenging behaviour ☐

young woman’s ‘chaotic’ lifestyle ☐

yw unable to take responsibilities for her own actions ☐

yw wanting to enjoy herself rather than deal with issues ☐

lack of stable support systems ☐

young woman left care unplanned and there was no further contact from her ☐

other, please specify ☐

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54. Did you or a specialist worker negotiate with housing providers to obtain accommodation ?(✓)

yes	no	don’t know
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55. Did you experience any difficulties in trying to obtain accommodation ?(please rank all relevant answers in the order of importance beginning with 1 as the most important)

lack of affordable housing in the private sector ☐

young woman unable to access council housing/HA ☐

lack of workers experience in negotiating housing ☐

lack of appropriate supported housing ☐

lack of Income Support from under 18’s ☐

no difficulties experienced ☐

other, please specify ☐

.....

don’t know ☐

56. Please choose one of the following four descriptions which represents most accurately the young woman you were working with. If none of the groups are a perfect fit, please tick the one which most accurately describes her after care experience. Please tick one of the four boxes provided.

a) Group A

• Young woman had been abused or neglected

• experienced some stability whilst looked after

• learned to make compromises in her relationships with others

• learned to accept the consequences of her own actions

• after moving into independence was settled in her accommodation, employment and child care

• managed difficult circumstances well and thought of the implications of making choices

☐

b) Group B

This group has two Sub Groups. If any of the Sub Groups and/or all descriptions apply, then please choose this group.

• Young woman suffered abuse, neglect or was looked after because of parental illness

• Sub GroupA

• had little stability whilst looked after

• she didn’t learn to accept the consequences of her own actions

• she didn’t learn to make compromises in her relationships with others

• moved into independence at 16 or 17 after the previous placements broke down

- **Sub GroupB**
 - experienced some stability whilst looked after
 - learned to make some compromises in her relationships with others
 - moved into independence unplanned to have more freedom
 - rejected what she perceived as control by foster carers
 - **Both Sub Groups**
 - numerous moves after moving into independence
 - experienced homelessness, insecure housing
 - no stable and consistent support network
 - felt victimised and wanted others to take responsibility for her actions and herself
 - experienced unemployment, difficulties in child care and suffered from depression
 - introvert in the way she dealt with difficulties, harming herself
- ☐

- c) **Group C**
- Young woman was looked after because of challenging behaviour as a teenager
 - wanted to enjoy herself with mates, partying, clubbing
 - continued to push boundaries and challenged rules whilst looked after with numerous placement moves
 - moved into independence at 16 or 17 and continued to want fun rather than carry responsibility
 - little access to stable and permanent housing
 - became homeless and remained homeless or housing was and remained insecure
 - suffered unemployment
 - extrovert and easily exploited by mates
- ☐

- d) **Group D**
- Young woman looked after because of challenging behaviour as a teenager
 - wanted to enjoy herself with mates, clubbing and partying
 - continued to push boundaries whilst looked after
 - moved into independence at 16 or 17 wanting fun and excitement rather than control
 - a change in circumstances brought new responsibilities such as a baby, tenancy or work
 - supportive relationship with parent/s or family were established
 - access to stable and secure housing through family support or status as a parent or worker
 - young woman settled down, housing became stable
 - saw being looked after as part of a phase of 'teenage rebellion'
 - extrovert in dealing with difficulties
- ☐

Please give the young woman's ethnic origin

How long have you been working with young people leaving care?

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- Are you working as a
- Field social worker ☐
 - Specialist leaving care worker ☐
 - Voluntary sector leaving care worker ☐
 - Foster carer ☐
 - Other, please specify

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It would be helpful if you could give your name and a contact address and phone number in case there are any queries

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Please return the questionnaire to
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SN6 6DY
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01793 750196

or

the agreed contact person in your team

Thank you very much for your help

11, Waylands
Cricklade
SN6 6BT
01793 750408

1st November 1996

Thank you very much for agreeing to help me in completing the enclosed questionnaires. The questionnaire is based on the results of a study of young women leaving care in 1991 - 1993 and forms part of the final phase of a PhD with Cranfield School of Management. The research project also has the approval of the Research Committee of the Association of Directors of Social Services. I hope that the results will give us a more thorough understanding of how young women manage the transition to independence, inform social work practice and influence social policy at a local and national level. All the instructions are printed on the form itself and I hope that it is easy to complete. The questionnaire is based on a case study approach but the young woman, the worker and the location will remain anonymous. I have asked for a contact address only in case answers need to be clarified. The questions are based on multiple choice answers and it should be possible to complete the questionnaire in about 15 - 20 minutes. I would be grateful if you or your colleagues would please return the completed forms as soon as possible or by the 31st December 1996. I have enclosed stamped addressed envelopes. If you need any assistance or more questionnaires then please contact me at home or copy it, whichever is the easiest.

Thank you very much for your help and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely
Sue Wald

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Cricklade
SN6 6BT
01793 750408

26th November 1996

Re: Leaving Care Questionnaire

I hope you received the questionnaires which I posted to you three to four weeks ago. My records show that I have not received any completed forms from you and your colleagues as yet. At this stage it is very important for the successful completion of my project to gather as many questionnaires as possible. I would be very grateful if you could remind your colleagues to select a case study as soon as possible. If possible please collect the completed forms and post them to me as this seems to work best. I appreciate that your team is probably very busy but it would be very helpful if I could receive your copies by the 10th December 1996.

Please note that my address and phone number has changed. The new address is:

**11, Waylands
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If you have posted questionnaires on, there is no need to worry because all mail will be redirected. Thank you very much for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Sue Wald

Appendix F: Questionnaire Check of Typology

The detailed schedule was used to check that the questionnaire questions tested the typology.

1. Group Victims of Abuse - Successful Transition

*** History of abuse or neglect**

Q2 Reason for being looked after

Physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect

*** Movement whilst looked after but stability in foster or residential care between 14-16 years**

Q3 Number of foster placements

1 and 2-4

Q4 Number of residential placements

1 and 2-4

Q5 Did any placement last at least 2 years between 14 - 16

Yes

Q6 How many foster home disruptions after the age of 13

0 and 1

*** Disruptions because of breakdown in relationships**

Q7.1 - 7.3 Reasons for disruptions

Relationship breakdown with foster carers

Q9.1 - 9.3 Reasons for disruptions in residential placements

Relationship breakdown with others

*** Young women learned to negotiate relationships whilst looked after**

Q10 Do you think the young woman had the same close friends whilst looked after
yes

Q11 Do you think the young women learned to make compromises in foster care
Yes

Q36 Do you think the young woman was able to maintain relationships with others
Yes

*** Young women's ability to take responsibility for own actions**

Q38 In your opinion do you think the young woman was able to accept the consequences of her own actions...

Always, mostly

Q39 In your opinion do you think the young woman thought of the consequences of her actions beforehand

Always, mostly

*** Moving into Independence after the age of 17**

Q13 At what age did the young woman first move into independence
17,18,19

*** Planned move into independence**

Q14 Was the move into independence planned
Yes

*** Awareness of the difficulties of moving into independence and living independently**

Q15 Do you thin she was aware of the difficulties she would be facing when moving into independence
Yes

*** Stable and secure housing**

Q16 Where did the young women first move to
Tenancies, lodgings

Q18 Did the young women move within the next 18 months
Yes

Q19 Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence
Tenancies, lodgings

*** Good ability to maintain housing**

Q17 How long did she stay in her first accommodation
7-12 months, more than 12 months, more than 18 months

Q 18e If the young women was unable to maintain accommodation ...was this because of

Accommodation too expensive
lack of long term tenure in the private sector

*** Stable housing Career**

Q18c How many times did she move within the first 18 months...
1, 2-3

Q22 In your opinion was the housing career of the young woman for the first 18 months
predominantly stable

*** Support from partner and/or his family**

Q 32 Who provided the main consistent emotional support during the first 18 months after moving into independence

Partner, other family members

Q33 Who provided the main consistent material support during the first 18 months after moving into independence

Partner, social services

Q34 Did the young woman have a long term partner

Yes

Q35 How consistent was the source of support

Consistent

*** Poor support from parent/s**

Q 32 Who provided the main emotional support...

No to mother and father

Q33 Who provided the main material support

No to father and mother if yes

Q 35 How consistent is support

It is inconsistent

*** Good decision making skills**

Q38 Do you think the young woman was able to accept the consequences of her own actions

Always, mostly

Q3 In your opinion do you think the young woman thought of the consequences of her actions before hand

Always, mostly

*** Good independent living skills reinforced by difficulties experienced**

Q 41 Do you think the yp had already good independent living skills which were enhanced by coping with difficult circumstances

Yes

*** Stable employment career**

Q28 Did the young woman complete

YT, Further Education, Higher Education

Q29 Did she change jobs between 16 and 19

1 and 2-4

Q30 If the young women changed training or employment was this because of low pay

Q31 What was the young women employment status at the age of 19
employed, student, caring for child

*** Good skills and abilities in caring for children**

Q25 Were any of the child/ren on the Child Protection Register or Looked after by the time the young women was 19

No

2. Group Victim of Abuse - Outcome Problematic

*** Victims of abuse, neglect or parental illness**

Q2 Reasons for being looked after

physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, illness

*** 2a Instability whilst looked after with many foster and/or residential placements**

Q3 Number of foster placements before moving into independence

2-4, 5-10, 11+

Q Did any foster placement last at least 2 years between the ages of 14 - 16

No

Q6 How many foster home disruptions were there after the age of 13

2-4, 5+

Q4 Number of residential placements before moving into independence

2-4 5-10, 10+

Q8 How many disruptions of residential placements were there after the age of 13

2-4, 5+

*** Feelings of mistrust and rejection**

Q12 Do you think the young women found it difficult to trust others after at least 3 foster home disruptions

Yes

*** Little ability in building relationships**

Q10 Do you think the young women had the same friends for at least 2 years whilst she was looked after

No

Q36 Do you think the young women was able to maintain supportive relationships with others whilst looked after

No

*** Frequent breakdowns in relationships in placements**

Q7.1 - 7.3 Reasons for foster home disruptions

relationship breakdown with foster carers

Q9.1 9.3 Reasons for disruption of residential placements

relationship breakdown with other yp

*** Move into independence at 16 and 17**

Q13 At which age did the young women first move into independence

16, 17

*** Move into independence unplanned**

Q14 Was this move into independence part of a social work plan at this time

No

2b Stability whilst looked after

Q3 Number of foster placements before moving into independence

1, 2-4

Q 5 Did any foster placement last at least 2 years between the ages of 14 - 16

Yes

Q6 How many foster home disruptions were there after the age of 13

0, 1

***Young women learned to build relationships with others**

Q11 Do you think the young women learned to make compromises in her relationships with foster cares.

Yes

*** Fewer breakdown in placements whilst looked after**

Q4 Number of residential placements before moving into independence

1, 2-4

Q8 How many disruptions of residential placements were there after the age of 13
0, 1

*** Move into independence at 16 or 17**

Q13 At what age did the young women move into independence
16,17

*** Move into independence unplanned**

Q14 Was this move into independence part of a social work plan at this time
No

*** Move into independence forced as young women want to be 'independent'**

Q7.1 - 7.3 Reasons for foster home disruptions

young women wanting independence

Q9.1 9.3 Reasons for disruption of residential placements

young women wanting independence

Outcomes living independently for both sub groups

*** Move into insecure housing when moving into independence**

Q16 Where did they first move to when moving into independence
Parental home, boyfriend, friends, hostel, B&B, specialist scheme

*** Housing remains unstable and insecure or moves from stable to becoming insecure**

Q17 How long did she stay in her first accommodation
less than 3 months, 3-6 months

Q18 Did the young women move within the next 18 months
Yes

Q19 Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence
Tenancies, lodgings

Q18c How many times did she move within the first 18 months after moving into independence
4-5, 5+, 10+

Q22 In your opinion was the housing of the young woman for the first 18 months ...
predominantly insecure
secure becoming insecure

*** Experience of homelessness**

Q18d Did she ever stay in any of the following places

boyfriends, friends, hostel, B&B

Q 18b where did she move to

boyfriends, hostel, friend's floor, sleeping rough, B&B

*** Inability to maintain housing**

18e If the young women was unable to sustain accommodation during the first 18

months of moving into independence was this because of

young women behaviour leading to evictions

frequent relationship breakdown with others

lack of stable support systems

*** Structure of housing market reinforces vulnerability to homelessness**

Q18e If the young woman was unable to sustain accommodation during the first 18

months was this because of

Accommodation too expensive

Lack of long term tenure in the private sector

Q55 Did you experience any difficulties in trying to secure accommodation

Lack of affordable accommodation in the private sector

young women unable to access council or housing association housing

*** Unstable support network**

Q35 How consistent was the source of support listed in question 32 once it had been

established

on&off

Q52 How old was the young women when the social work support ended

16, 17

Q53a What were the difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care

work

lack of stable support systems of young women

*** Little material support from family and friends**

Q 33 who provided the main material support such as money, accommodation, help

with child care

nobody, social services

*** Inability to maintain dependable relationships with others**

Q36 In your opinion was the young women able to maintain relationships with others

No

*** Stays with friends are unplanned and don't last as long as planned**

Q20 If the young women was ever staying with friends did she stay as long as planned

No

*** After living with friends housing becomes insecure again**

Q20a Where did she move to after leaving her friend's

parental home, boyfriend's, hostel, specialist scheme, B&B

*** Young women don't take responsibilities for own actions**

Q38 In your opinion do you think the young women was able to accept the consequences of her own actions...

Rarely, never

Q53a What were the difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care work

young women unable to take responsibility for own actions

young women chaotic lifestyle

*** Young women blame others for their difficulties and feel victims of the system**

Q40 In your opinion did the young woman

see herself as a victim blaming others for the difficulties she experienced

Yes

*** Poor employment record**

Q27 After leaving school did the young women first enter
became unemployed

Q28 Did the young woman complete (education/training)
did not complete

Q29 Did she change jobs between 16 and 19
2-4 5-9 10+

Q30 If the young women changed training or employment was this because of
conflict with people at work
sacked because of unreliability

Q31 What was the young women employment status at the age of 19
unemployed

*** Difficulties in caring for child/ren**

Q25 Were any of the child/ren on the Child Protection Register or Looked after by the time she is 19

Yes

3. Group Young women with challenging behaviour - successful transition

*** Admission to care as teenagers because of challenging behaviour and conflict with parent/s**

Q1 Age at last admission to care

11-13 14-17

Q2 Reason for being looked after

young women challenging behaviour, criminal offence/remand
conflict with parents

*** Some stability in foster or residential care between 14 - 16**

Q3 Number of foster placements before moving into independence

1 2-4

Q4 Number of residential placements before moving into independence

1, 2-4

Q5 Did any foster placement or residential placement last at least two years between the ages of 14 - 16

Yes

Q6 Number of fosterhome disruptions

1 2-3

Q8 Number of disruptions of residential placements

1 2-3

*** Breakdown in placements whilst looked after because of challenge to rules and/or challenging behaviour**

Q7.1 - 7.3 and Q9.1 - 9.3

For each of the last three disruption in foster care/residential placement which was the main reason

young women unable to accept rules (of foster parents)

young women 's challenging behaviour

*** Young women learned to negotiate relationships**

Q11 Do you think the young woman learned to make compromises in foster care/residential care

Yes

*** Young women moved into independence before the age of 18**

Q13 At which age did the young women first move into independence
16,17

*** Awareness of the difficulties involved in living independently (worried)**

Q15 Do you think she knew of all the difficulties she would face when living independently

Yes

*** Young women seek fun rather than wanting to carry responsibility initially**

Q40 In your opinion did the young women want to have fun rather than carry responsibility when she moved into independence

Yes

*** A personal change such as employment, tenancy or a baby forces young women to take responsibility for themselves**

Q43 Did anything create a major change in the yw's behaviour in the 18 months after moving into independence in such a way that she became more settled in her accommodation and if appropriate child care

Yes

Q44 If yes was this because of

Full time employment

Having a child

Holding a permanent tenancy

Rebuilding relationships with parent/s

*** Housing becomes secure or remains secure**

Q16 Where did the young women first move to when moving into independence
tenancies, hostel, specialist scheme for care leavers

Q18 How many times did she moved within the first 18 months following her first move into independence

2-3, 4-5 5+ 10+

Q19 Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence
tenancy

Q22 In your opinion was the housing of the young women for the first 18 months since moving into independence

predominantly secure

Insecure but becoming secure

*** Some of the group experience homelessness before they recognise a sense of responsibility**

Q 16 Where did she first move to when moving into independence
any answer

Q17 How long did she stay in her first accommodation
less than 3 months, 3-6 months, 7-12 months

Q 18 Did the young women move within the following 18 months
Yes

Q18a If yes why did she move first time
Eviction because of friend's behaviour
young women wanted to run away from any difficulties she experienced

Q18b Where did she move to next

Q20a Where did she move to after leaving her friend's
hostel, sleeping rough, B&B

18d Did she ever stay in any of the following places
with friend's/on friend's floor hostel, sleeping rough, B&B

*** Extensive family support**

Q32 Who provided the main consistent emotional support
mother, father, othr family members

Q33 Who provided consistent material support such as money, accommodation, help
with child care...
mother, father, other family member

Q35 How consistent was the source of support listed in question 32 once it had been
established
Consistent

*** Insight into own role in coping with difficulties**

Q42 Do you think the young woman was aware of the effect of her decisions when
coping in difficult circumstances
Always, mostly

*** Young women regarded being looked after and challenging behaviour as part
of a 'teenage rebellion'**

Q45 Did the young woman ever give you the impression that she regarded the time she
was looked after as a phase of 'teenage rebellion' which had ended by the time she was
19
Yes

4. Group young women with challenging behaviour - problematic outcome

*** Admission to care as teenagers because of challenging behaviour and conflict with parent/s**

Q1 Age at last admission to care

11-13 14 - 17

Q2 Reason for being looked after
relationship breakdown due to ongoing conflict
young women 's challenging behaviour
criminal offence/remand

*** Frequent residential and foster placements whilst looked after**

Q3 Number of foster placements before moving into independence

2-4 5-10 10+

Q4 Number of residential placements *before moving into independence*

2-4 5-10 10+

Q6 How many foster home disruptions were there after the age of 13

2-4 5+

Q8 How many disruption of residential placements were there after the age of 13

2-4 5+

*** Breakdown in placements whilst looked after because of challenge to rules and/or challenging behaviour**

Q7.1 - 7.3 For each of the last three fosterhome disruptions ...which was the main reason

Q9.1 - 9.3 For each of the last three disruptions in residential placements...which was the main reason

young women unable to accept rules (of foster parents)

young women challenging behaviour

*** Young women didn't learn to negotiate relationships**

Q11 Do you think the young women learned to make compromises in foster care
No

*** Move into independence at 16,17**

Q13 At what age did the young women move into independence

16, 17

*** Move into independence unplanned wanting independence**

Q14 Was this move into independence part of a social work plan at this time

No

Q7.1-7.3 and Q9.1 - 9.3 Reasons for fosterhome/residential placement disruption
young women wanting independence

*** Little awareness of the difficulties involved in living independently**

Q5 Do you think she knew of all the difficulties she would be facing when living independently

No

*** Few or no educational qualifications**

Q26 Did the young women have any of the following educational qualifications
GCSE less than 3, No qualifications

*** Young women seek fun rather than wanting to carry responsibility**

Q40 In your opinion did the young women ...

want to have fun rather than carry responsibility when she moved into independence

Yes

*** Housing insecure initially and remaining or becoming more insecure**

Q16 Where did the young women first move to when moving into independence
any

Q17 How long did she stay in her first accommodation

less than 3 months, 3-6 months, 7-12 months

Q18 Did the young women move within the following 18 months

Yes

Q18b Where did the young women move to next

boyfriend's, friend's/friend's floor, hostel, specialist scheme for care leavers, B&B

Q18c How many times did she move within the 18 months following her move into independence

4-5, 5+, 10+

Q19 Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence

boyfriend's, friend's, hostel, specialist scheme for care leavers, B&B, sleeping rough

Q22 In your opinion was the housing of the young women for the first 18 months since moving into independence

predominantly insecure

secure becoming insecure

*** Experience of homelessness**

Q18b Where did the young women move to next

boyfriend's, friend's floor, hostel, specialist scheme for care leavers, B&B

Q18d Did she ever stay in any of the following places

boyfriend's, friend's, friend's floor, sleeping rough, hostel, B&B, specialist scheme for yp

Q19 Where was she living 18 months after moving into independence

boyfriend's, friend's, hostel, specialist scheme for care leavers, B&B, sleeping rough

*** Structure of housing market enforced vulnerability to homelessness**

Q18e If the young women was unable to sustain accommodation during the first 18 months after moving into independence was this because of

lack of long term tenure in the private sector

accommodation too expensive

Q55 Did you experience any difficulties in trying to secure accommodation

lack of affordable accommodation in the private sector

young women unable to access council housing or housing association housing

*** Unstable employment record**

Q28 Did the young women complete (education/training)

Did not complete

Q29 Did she change jobs between 16 - 19

2-4 5-9 10+

Q31 What was the young women employment status at the age of 19

unemployed

*** Unstable support network**

Q37 In your opinion was the young women able to maintain supportive relationships with others after moving into independence

No

Q10 Do you think the young women had the same close friends for at least 2 years whilst she was looked after

No

Q32 Who provided the main consistent emotional support during those first 18 months after moving into independence

Friends, Nobody, mother, Father, other family members

Q51 How long was the young women supported for by social services

3-6 months

Q33 Who provided the main material support such as money, accommodation, help with child care...

Friends, Nobody, mother, father, other family members

Q35 How consistent was the source of support once it had been established on&off

Q53a What were the difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care work

Lack of stable support systems of young women

Stays with friends were unplanned and ended earlier than planned

Q20 If the young women was ever staying with friends did she stay as long as planned
No

*** Mates likely to cause difficulties like putting housing at risk**

Q18a Why did she move first time

Eviction because of friend's behaviour

*** Inability to maintain dependable relationships**

Q36 In your opinion was the young women able to maintain supportive relationships with others...

No

Q10 Do you think the young women had close friends for at least 2 years whilst she was looked after

No

*** Poor decision making skills**

Q38 In your opinion do you think the young woman was able to accept the consequences of her own actions if something went wrong

Sometimes, rarely, never

Q41 Do you think the young woman had good independent living skills which were enhanced by problems

No

Q42 Do you think the young woman was aware of the effect of her decisions when coping in difficult circumstances

Rarely, never

*** Unable to take responsibility for own actions**

Q53a What were the difficulties you experienced in your after care work
young women unable to take responsibility for her own actions

*** Little evidence of learning from crisis**

Q53a What were the difficulties and constraints you experienced in your after care work

young women chaotic lifestyle

Schedule for Social Work Practice

1. Fieldwork Approach

*** Preparation by caseworker**

Q47 Was the preparation for leaving care predominately part of ongoing case work

*** Aftercare support by fieldworker**

Q48 Who undertook the main after care support work
field social worker

*** Ongoing Support likely to last less than 6 months after moving into independence**

Q51a How long was the young women support for by the SSD
less than 6 months

*** Limited number of issues addressed in casework concentrating on practical skills, budgeting and housing**

Q46 What issues were addressed in depth during the preparation for leaving care
budgeting, domestic skills, welfare benefits housing advice

*** Worker intervenes mainly when there is a crisis after moving into independence**

Q49 What intensive work was undertaken with the young women when she moved into independence

budgeting, welfare benefits, housing advice, add crisis intervention only

2. The Independence Training Approach

*** Preparation in practical skills, welfare benefits and housing information by specialist workers as part of a time limited course/sessions**

Q47 Was the preparation for leaving care predominantly part of
Group work

Specialist preparation sessions

Q46 What issues were addressed in depth during the preparation for leaving care
budgeting, domestic skills, welfare benefits, housing advice

*** After care support by sessional workers/field worker**

Q48 Who undertook the main after care support work

Field social worker, sessional worker

Q50 What methods were used during the after care work
casework, specialist sessions with sessional worker

*** After care work is concentrating on practical issues as they arise and crisis intervention**

Q49 What intensive work was undertaken with the young women after she moved into
independence

budgeting, domestic skills, welfare benefits, crisis intervention

*** After care support less than 6 months**

Q51 and Q51a How long was the young women supported for by social services
less than six months

3. Therapeutic Approach

*** Ongoing support during preparation and after care work by specialist workers**

Q47 Was the preparation for leaving care predominantly part of
Group work, counselling, specialist individual sessions

*** A wide range of issues are addressed including health, impact of abuse, mental health, self confidence building**

Q46 What issues were addressed in depth during the preparation for leaving care
budgeting, welfare benefits, housing, managing relationships, dealing with personal
issues, health, mental health, building self esteem

*** After care work by specialist workers using keyworking, counselling and group work**

Q48 Who undertook the main after care support work

Specialist leaving care worker

Q50 What methods were used during after case work

Keyworking by specialist worker, counselling, group work

*** After care support on a wide range on issues identified with a young women**

Q49 What intensive work was undertaken with the young women when she moved into independence

welfare benefits, housing, managing relationships, dealing with abuse, health, building self esteem

*** Ongoing support which can go on for 2 - 3 years**

Q51 and Q51a How long was the young women supported for by SSD
more than 18 months

Q52 How old was the young women when the support ended...

19+

4. Social Action Approach

*** Preparation is usually part of group work or drop in sessions**

Q47 Was the preparation for leaving care predominately part of
group work, drop in sessions

*** A range of issues are addressed encouraging yp to question and challenge their position in society with yp identifying issues during preparation and after care**

Q46 What issues are addressed in depth during the preparation for leaving care
welfare benefits, housing, learning to take responsibility, negotiating skills, decision making skills

Q49 What intensive work was undertaken with young women when she moved into independence

welfare benefits, housing advice, decision making skills, negotiating skills, building self esteem, learning to take responsibility

*** After care work is usually undertaken by specialist worker**

Q48 Who undertook the main after care support work
specialist leaving care workers

*** After care work is ongoing with drop in sessions and group work**

Q50 What methods were used during the after care work

Drop in, group work

*** Support is offered ongoing with few time limits**

Q52 How old was the young women when the support ended after moving into independence

19+