

SEXUAL ACTIVITY
ACCORDING TO YOUNG
PEOPLE

Surveyed Results

ARE THEY SEXUALLY
ACTIVE?

YEAR 10

43.5% sexually active
65% male 35% female

YEAR 11

74% are sexually active
51% male 49% female

YEAR 12

63% are sexually active
37.5% male 62.5% female

In total **63%** yr10-12 students are sexually active

IS IT STILL SEEN AS A PERSONAL ACT BETWEEN TWO?

Yr 10 – **54%** said yes

Yr 11 – **75%** said yes

Yr 12 – **68.5%** said yes

In total 68% still believe this is a personal act between two people

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE?

“when you are in a relationship were both consent...”

“...maturity contributes to whether they're ready.”

“when they feel ready”

“depends on their maturity but around 16-17”

“14-16”

“when you hit puberty”

“it depends how the person feels about this”

“your maturity strongly influences...”

“when mature enough and there is trust between the partners”

Depends on maturity and whether person feels ready

WHAT PRESSURES COME WITH BEING SEXUALLY ACTIVE?

“...reputation”

“Consequences”:

- peer pressures
- popularity
- STI's
- social classes
- alcohol
- older partners
- pregnancies
- performance...

“parents finding out”

“girls can get ‘teased’ if they say ‘no’”

“safe sex”

“pressures to be accepted”

UNDERSTANDING OF RISKS

Yr 10, 11 and 12 all students believed they had some understanding of the risks involved with becoming sexually active.

ARE STI's BECOMING MORE OF A PROBLEM?

Yr 10 - **76%** yes

Yr 11 - **66%** yes

Yr 12 - **70%** yes

“people are having more than one partner”

“sex is becoming a common thing and protection is not being used”

“people don't take as much care as they use to”

“more people are having sex at younger ages”

“not using prevention methods correct”

“unprotected sex is increasing”

“lack of knowledge about STI's”

*many people are having unprotected sex because they
'don't care' enough*

HOW MUCH DO THEY FEEL THEY KNOW ABOUT STI's

- I feel I know all **14%**
- I know about most **50%**
- I know about some **33%**
- I know hardly any of them **3%**

* All understand how they can be spread but not necessarily what the infections are*

IS TEEN PREGNANCY BECOMING MORE COMMON?

Yes 77%

No 23%

“Some girls use contraceptives”

“...many girls are having unsafe sex”

“last year 2 yr9 and 1 yr10 girls fell pregnant at my school”

“girls rush into it before considering protection”

“lack of common sense...knowledge”

“yes, they want to be a young mum...payments”

“...government encourages it with young mother's grants”

“girls assume it will not happen to them and don't use protection”

“no protection used when drinking or taking drugs”

unprotected sex is an issue

ARE THE CORRECT METHODS BEING USED AGAINST PREGNANCY?

Yes 49% **No 51%**

“they are relying on easier less costly methods”

“they don’t want to use them”

“Some want to become pregnant”

“they are scared to ask for the protection”

“...they aren’t being safe then they aren’t ready or finding out about the protection”

“...know about the options but choose to ignore them”

“unaware of the availability of protection”

“too embarrassed to ask for advice”

AWARENESS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Do you know what facilities are available in the area?

57% Yes

43% No

How they found out:

- Doctor
- Magazines
- Media
- Pharmacy
- Advertisements
- School, teachers
- Friends and family
- Internet
- Youth centre
- Work

IS SCHOOL SEX ED ENOUGH?

39% Yes

55% No

6% Unsure

“...needs to be done in more detail”

“only addresses junior years when most aren't having sex”

“teachers will not discuss topic in detail”

“...touch on basics...but not where to go if you need help”

“better than not having any education about this”

“some information is irrelevant but needed info is not being taught”

“...don't focus on consequences of sex...safe sex which is not the real issue”

Topic needs to be addressed in more detail

RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS

- Very close **27.5%**
- Close **43.5%**
- O.K. **19%**
- Quite distant **10%**

43.5% talk to parents about sex

69% believe their parents are open about the subject

SPEAKING TO YOUR DOCTOR

Only **11%** speak to their local doctor about sexual activity concerning themselves

40% feel comfortable speaking to their doctor about sex

THANK YOU!