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is available from our website.

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Growing up and body changes



In this section Bobby and Sonia show how their bodies changed as they grew up from children to adults.

This subject can cause young people some anxiety and embarrassment.



It can be useful to reassure that we are all different and that our bodies change at different speeds.

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Menstruation and periods



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Sonia explains about sanitary towels and tampons and shows us how to use them. She also discusses how to dispose of used ones.



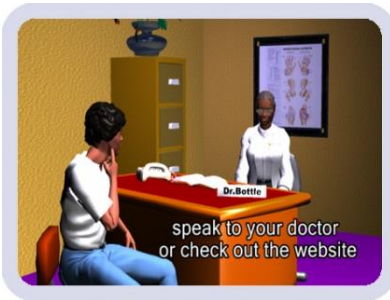
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Growing up and feelings

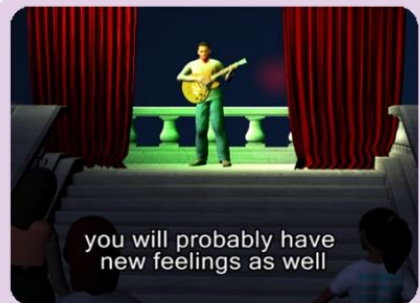


Growing up and puberty cause many changes, both to your body and to your emotions. Spots or acne is one of these and affects most young people at some time during puberty.

For most people spots will clear up in a short time if they eat carefully and keep healthy. However some people get more spots than others and it can help to see someone about them. Your doctor may be able to help, or see the 'help and advice' button on the main menu or visit our website.

As you grow older it isn't just your body that changes, you will probably have new feelings as well, sometime you have a crush on someone. This maybe a person you know or a famous person from television like a popstar.

Don't have sex with strangers, they may seem nice at first but if they aren't it may be too late to get away.



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First dates and petting



Sonia and Bobby explain about when they first met and their first dates together, emphasising consent.

If understanding consent is a significant issue you may also like to watch '*Consent – yes and no*' in the Sex section of the DVD.



We see how they got to know each other and learnt to trust each other before becoming intimate. Taking things one step at a time rather than rushing into 'full sex' is encouraged.

Male masturbation and privacy



This subject can cause embarrassment and carers may find it easier to show this section and initiate any discussion on a one to one basis or in a single sex group.

Bobby explains and illustrates the need for privacy and to use tissues.



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Female masturbation and privacy



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Sonia explains the Need for privacy and to be gentle.



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LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF

The ‘Looking after yourself’ section is divided into four headings:

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Hygiene



In hygiene we first see Bobby in the bath carefully washing himself, including his penis, with special attention to washing under his foreskin.

He also uses this opportunity to check himself, paying care and attention when examining himself.



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Hygiene



Next we see Sonia in the bath carefully washing herself including her vagina, paying care and attention when examining herself.

She explains about being careful not to get soap inside her vagina.



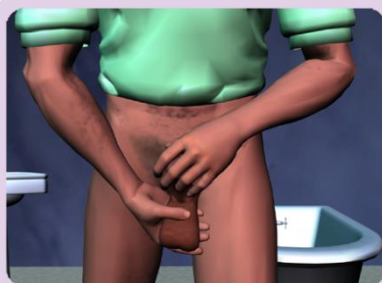
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Self examination and privacy



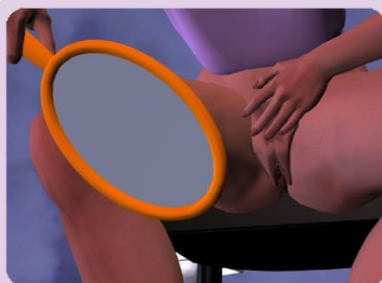
Bobby and Sonia explain about self examination, emphasising the importance of privacy from the beginning.

This is another subject that can cause a lot of embarrassment and young people are often reluctant to talk about it.



Single sex groups will help some young people feel more comfortable.

Discussion focused on the problems that can be prevented by regular self examination, can help emphasize the importance of an issue easy to overlook.



Consent and unwanted sexual advances



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Sex and virginity, consent and condoms



This section deals with first sexual experiences including intercourse and virginity. Understanding consent and using condoms for safer sex are explained.

Some of the young people watching may already be sexually experienced. The core messages around consent and safer sexual practice are very relevant.



Bobby shows how to put on a condom.



Bobby emphasises careful disposal of used condoms.

Consent and unwanted sexual advances



Sonia explains about consent and saying no.

She emphasises that we all have a right to say no and should do so unless we want to have sex with someone.



She explains that sex is for adults and to seek help and advice if you are having any problems or if someone is hassling you.

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Gay and straight relationships



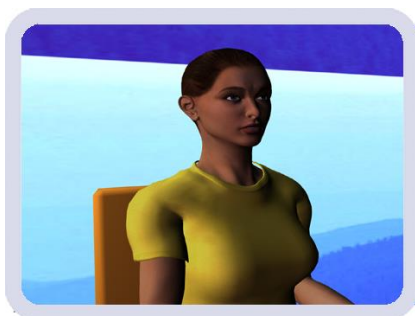
In this scene Bobby and Sonia explain about relationships, including homosexual or gay relationships.

They introduce us to two gay couples, one male, one female, and emphasise trust and respect.



The importance of love, affection and consent in all relationships is explained.

Consent – yes and no



This part of the DVD looks at consent and the importance of understanding 'no'.

Bobby presents a situation where Josh asks Lynne out and accepts it when she says no.



Understanding consent is a key issue for all young people and confidential advice is an essential aid for resolving problems.

Please see the Help and Advice section at the back of this guide or visit our website, for details of some advice services.
www.lifesupportproductions.co.uk

Gay sex



This section is about sex between two people of the same gender. Two gay couples are presented, their relationships and sexual practices are discussed.

The use of condoms for gay men as part of safer sex is emphasised. Consent and the age of consent are discussed.



Respect, trust, love and affection in all relationships is emphasised.



Sex and attitudes



Bobby and Sonia talk about the importance of sex and the age of consent.

The need to seek help and advice is stressed, as is the importance of choosing the right people to talk to.



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Pregnancy and birth



Sonia and Bobby explain about how a baby is made.

Bobby is shown asking Sonia if she would like to have sex.



They are then shown having sex.



Conception and pregnancy are discussed.

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Having a baby



Sonia and Bobby go to the hospital for the birth.

They are shown in the hospital.



They are shown at home with their new baby.



Useful information

More contacts and details at
www.lifesupportproductions.co.uk

ChildLine call free – 0800 11 11

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine is the free helpline for children and young people in the UK. Children and young people can call them on **0800 1111** to talk about any problems.

You can call from any telephone, including phone boxes and mobiles. Simply dial **0800 1111**. The lines are very busy, so if you can't get through at first, do keep trying (sometimes it helps if you keep pressing redial).

Callers do not have to give their names.

Calls are free (including from mobiles) and your call won't show up on the next phone bill. ChildLine also have special text phone services – see their website for details.

Respond – 0808 808 0700

www.respond.org.uk

Respond works with children and adults with learning disabilities who have experienced abuse or trauma, as well as those who have abused others.

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Family Planning Association (FPA)

www.fpa.org.uk

23-28 Penn Street

London N12 5DL

020 7608 5240

Women's Health Concern – 0845 123 2319

www.womens-health-concern.org

Women's Health Concern provides an independent service to advise, reassure and educate women about their health concerns including a helpline 0845 123 2319 and email advice. A good source for useful advice about periods.

Brook

www.brook.org.uk

Brook Advisory Centres – commonly known just as Brook provides free and confidential sexual health advice and services specifically for young people under 25.

Brook has 40 years' experience of providing professional advice through specially trained doctors, nurses, counsellors, and outreach and information workers to over 200,000 young people each year.

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NSPCC 0808 800 5000 helpline

www.nspcc.org.uk

The NSPCC Helpline is a confidential and free service open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you're worried about a child's safety or welfare or if you need help or advice, ring our helpline on **0808 800 5000**.

Bullying UK – 0808 800 2222

www.bullying.co.uk

Part of Family Lives a charity with over three decades of experience helping parents to deal with the changes that are a constant part of family life. Bullying UK offers advice and a helpline for children and young people.

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