**Digital Appendix: Transcript with Eclectic Analysis (Nicole)**

Duration approx 1 hour – break after 15mins to look at prompt sheet

At the time of interview Nicole was 18 years old and her son Jack was 19 months old.

Nicole became pregnant when attending secondary school

During part 2 of the interview Nicole’s partner Harry entered the room and his comments can be heard at one point in the interview.

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|  | Nicole participant) | Sarah (interviewer) | Harry (Nicole’s partner) | Analysis |
| 1 |  | OK Nicole, in your own time if you want to sort of talk about whatever you want to talk about, through your experience, just before realising you were pregnant, then becoming pregnant, experiences through child birth. |  |  |
| 2 |  | Anything around education, anything around home, anything that you want to talk about. |  |  |
|  | Story 1 – **schools response** |  |  |  |
| 3 | Um, well I started in my secondary school, urm I think it where either end of year 10 or beginning of my last year. |  |  |  |
| 4 | Or just after the beginning of my last year. I started feeling sick a lot in a morning. |  |  |  |
| 5 | Urm at school and then school decided that I was making myself sick by sticking my fingers down my throat. |  |  | False accusation |
| 6 | which I contested |  |  | Conflict/ fighter |
| 7 | Then I found out I was pregnant |  |  | Discovering pregnancy |
| 8 | and when I told school they just straight away *extended study leave*. |  |  | Sent away |
| 9 | Not to come into school, that’s it. |  |  |  |
| 10 | Urm they came and picked me up from my exams, took me to my exams and brought me home. |  |  |  |
| 11 | Urm and that was it for school really. |  |  |  |
| 12 | They just didn’t want me there ever, apart for my exams and that were it. |  |  | rejection |
|  | Story 2 **finding out I’m pregnant** |  |  |  |
| 13 | Urm then I moved in with Harry and his family. |  |  | Family |
| 14 | Urm and because I’d found out I was pregnant at 21 weeks pregnant, nobody believed me that I didn’t know. |  |  | Accusation - hidden |
| 15 | Cos I had no bump, I had no cravings, nothing, apart from being sick in the morning or afternoon or whenever it was. |  |  |  |
| 16 | Urm social services first said, urm, ‘were you planning a baby.’ |  |  | Accusation - planned |
| 17 | Which obviously, no way. |  |  |  |
| 18 | I was on the contraceptive pill, |  |  |  |
| 19 | which nobody believed. |  |  | contraception |
| 20 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 21 | Obviously I got pregnant. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 3 **Appreciated support** |  |  |  |
| 22 | Urm then I got introduced to the family health nurse partnership, |  |  |  |
| 23 | were absolutely fantastic best thing that’s happened to me |  |  |  |
| 24 | because they’re there from the beginning when you find out you’re pregnant, till the next, until your baby’s two years old. |  |  | Support over time |
| 25 | But I just love her, she’s really nice Rebecca. |  |  | Positive relationship |
|  | Story 4 **without my consent** |  |  |  |
| 26 | Urm then I, my consultant were taking me for extra scans and stuff. |  |  | Passive – victim |
| 27 | Nobody ever told me the reason why |  |  | Informed consent? |
| 28 | urm and there’s this whole thing about me being needle phobic, |  |  |  |
| 29 | so there were never any blood tests or nothing like that during pregnancy. |  |  |  |
| 30 | Urm, and then er, I found out that my consultant had secretly gone to my Grandparents and asked for permission from them to inject me if my life where in danger because I’d refused it. |  |  | Consent  Assertive - Stance |
|  | Story 5 **The labour experience** |  |  |  |
| 31 | Er then when I went in labour, the morning I went into labour, we rang labour ward. |  |  |  |
| 32 | Er said you know, ‘the contractions are really bad, I really want to come in’. |  |  |  |
| 33 | They said *‘ah no can’t you keep her at home for another hour’* |  |  |  |
| 34 | and in the end they found out that if I had done that then my baby would have died, so. |  |  | Flash forward |
| 35 |  | Right, yeah |  |  |
| 36 | Then we got into hospital, I had to be put straight into a wheel chair, |  |  |  |
| 37 | Urm I was taken into, I’d say an office with a bed in Er put on the bed, examined. |  |  |  |
| 38 | They said I were two to three centimetres , |  |  |  |
| 39 | urm and then the trainee nurse said *‘oh no she’s further than that.’* |  |  | Direct speech |
| 40 | Urm this room, it was absolutely terrible, no ventilation, no windows, no, there wasn’t enough room to get around me to put the baby monitor on. |  |  |  |
| 41 | I couldn’t go to the toilet cos the room wont big enough, I couldn’t get off the bed. |  |  |  |
| 42 | Urm, and then all of a sudden it were like, you have to be put to sleep now, |  |  |  |
| 43 | cos I were afraid of needles, they wanted to do an emergency section. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Um |  |  |
| 44 | So I had to be gassed to be put to sleep. |  |  |  |
| 45 | They told my family and family and partner that urm they’d be allowed to watch the section from a different room through a glass window |  |  |  |
| 46 | and then for some reason just no, you, that’s not happening now. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 6 **Fight to see my baby** |  |  |  |
| 47 | Urm then the first thing I remember after that was waking up in labour ward, |  |  |  |
| 48 | pressing the button asking ‘where’s my baby, where’s my baby.’ |  |  |  |
| 49 | They just said *‘oh he’s fine, he’s on neonatal, unit, special care,’* |  |  | Fine v special care |
| 50 | Urm and then I went back to sleep, morphine. |  |  |  |
| 51 | Then woke up pressed again, ‘I want to see my baby’ | ‘ |  |  |
| 52 | *‘oh no you can’t go yet,’* |  |  |  |
| 53 | so then they left me again, |  |  |  |
| 54 | pressed again, ‘want to see my baby.’ |  |  | Repeated |
| 55 | *‘Oh no you can’t go yet, you can’t go yet.’* |  |  | Repeated from 52 |
| 56 | Urm then eventually it was four O’clock the next morning, |  |  |  |
| 57 | I’d had him at four O’clock in the afternoon and four O’clock the next morning I rang my Mum, said ‘I want to see my baby, they won’t take me to see him,’ |  |  | Ally |
| 58 | urm and then the nurse came around, said *‘oh your Mum’s here now.’* |  |  | Support |
| 59 | I said ‘yeah I know I’ve rung her, I want to see my baby’, |  |  |  |
| 60 | she said ‘*well we’re just about to take you and all.*’ |  |  |  |
| 61 | I just thought it doesn’t matter if you were just going to take me, cos I’m going. |  |  | Fight against authority |
|  | Story 7 **What’s wrong with my baby?** |  |  |  |
| 62 | So, I got wheeled around by my Mum to the neonatal, |  |  |  |
| 63 | urm and he was just in an incubator, urr he had a tube in, stuff stuck in all over him, |  |  |  |
| 64 | urm, I just burst out crying, kept saying ‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry’. |  |  | Guilt – not a good enough Mum |
| 65 | Urm, I wasn’t allowed to touch him put my hand in or ought like that. |  |  | separated |
| 66 | Nobody told me what was wrong with him, |  |  | Not informed |
| 67 | urm then the next day I was told that it were his blood sugar levels, that were low. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 8 **Physical state not appreciated** |  |  |  |
| 68 | urm, the next day, the day after, my partner had got me a wheel chair to take me to the shop |  |  |  |
| 69 | and the nurses turned around and said does she really need that wheel chair |  |  | Challenged by authority |
| 70 | after I’d just had a emergency section, so that were, just a big shock to be asked that, |  |  | Unjust/ poor care |
| 71 | especially as my partner had to put me in a stand up shower and wash me and everything, do you know |  |  |  |
| 72 | and the next day I couldn’t hardly walk. |  |  |  |
| 73 | Then after that, it just kept dragging on and dragging on. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 9 **Between mother and baby: Wishes not respected** |  |  |  |
| 74 | They wanted to send me home that day and leave my baby there, |  |  |  |
| 75 | even though I were breastfeeding. |  |  |  |
| 76 | Urm and even though I did tell them that I wanted to breast feed, they bottle fed him through a tube, his first feed. |  |  |  |
| 77 |  | Um |  |  |
|  | Story 10 **Overwhelmed and in the dark about babies treatment** |  |  |  |
| 78 | urm then I kept asking why can’t we go home, can’t we go home, or why can’t he at least be in the room with me on labour ward? |  |  |  |
| 79 | Why does he have to be over there in the neonatal? Do you know, cos nobody told me. |  |  |  |
| 80 | Er then I got told his blood platelets are below so if he came home and he started to bleed, he wouldn’t stop bleeding, he’d just die. |  |  | Teaching me |
| 81 | Urm, but obviously I didn’t know about it or what it meant, urm until my nana researched it all and found out he could have had brain damage or anything, |  |  |  |
| 82 | do you know and nobody told me ought. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 11 **Unsupported, mistreated and the fight to have my baby.** |  |  |  |
| 83 | Urm, then through nights they’d come, they’d only give me pain killers if I asked for them, |  |  | Care doesn’t meet expectation |
| 84 | they, they wouldn’t ask if you were OK or ought like that and they’d wait for you to press the buzzer, To ask for pain killers, |  |  | ‘They’ – the powers that be/ Authority |
| 85 | but in night, they’d come to our room and say your baby’s crying for you in neonatal could you go over and feed him or whatever. |  |  | Baby distressed  Baby needing mother  Nicole’s expectations as a mother pointed out to her entirely on their terms |
| 86 | So I’d walk over there on my own |  |  | Distance - separation  Alone/ unsupported |
| 87 | and then eventually I just got to a point where, I just kept saying I want to go home, just want to go home, take my baby home. |  |  | Repetition – desperation |
| 88 | Urm they kept telling me that they had to prick him in his ear lobe everyday for a full week to test his blood and stuff, |  |  | Stuff – Nicole unsure exactly what was done or Nicole not wanting to go into detail |
| 89 | urm and then (inaudible) they said no they refused for me to take him home, |  |  | Power – the power to refuse  Victim - refused |
| 90 | urm but accepted him to come into the labour ward with me just to make sure he didn’t get cut or ought, do you know, start bleeding. |  |  | Explaining to me & Making sure I’ve understood (suggests this is actually something that has made sense to her) |
| 91 | Then there were no, no problems, |  |  | Final successful resolution for the major separation theme (hospital) |
|  | Story 12 **Negative encounter:** **Unexplained criticism of Mothering** |  |  |  |
| 92 | one night I had him laid on my chest, he were fast asleep, I were sat up with him |  |  | fast asleep – assumption content, needs met  Motherhood – looking after him |
| 93 | and the nurse came and said *‘oh no don’t sit with him like that, take him off, take him off.’* |  |  | Repetition within direct talk. – not a gentle request – urgent, critical? |
| 94 | And took him off me and put him in his little cot thing, urm |  |  | Not just put him in cot, ‘took him off’ her – separation, punishment? |
| 95 |  | Why do you think she did that? |  |  |
| 96 | I don’t know, I’ve no idea |  |  |  |
| 97 |  | Did she think you looked sleepy and that you’d fall asleep, or |  | Trying to resolve nicely |
| 98 | Maybe, I don’t know, I don’t know |  |  |  |
|  | Story 13 **Late information** |  |  |  |
| 99 | Urm, I was never told that if I were breast feeding I could use their machine to express, you know to take to him, |  |  | Never – exaggerated to the extreme – emphasis  Formula milk rather than breast milk. Breast milk –connection, something of hers he could have had.  General assumption – breast milk better for the child. (maybe not for child with problem blood clotting) |
| 100 | I wasn’t told about that until the last couple, two or three days. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 14 **The all clear** |  |  |  |
| 101 | Urm and then they just came and said, he’s OK he just needs to come for a few more checkups in the next couple of months |  |  | Sudden, unexpected? Or reference to lack of debriefing? |
| 102 | urm so I took him home from there, that were all fine. |  |  | Returning to the expected trajectory |
| 103 | Urm, then, we took him for his check up and he were all, all clear |  |  | ‘we’ - support |
| 104 | and that were it really for the birth and stuff. |  |  | The final discharge from the hospital (out patient)perceived as final ending to ‘the birth and stuff’ |
|  | Story 15 **Gas** **and Air birth** |  |  |  |
| 105 | I were given gas and air, I wasn’t given ought else apart from gas and air, |  |  |  |
| 106 | I remember that. |  |  | That’s something |
| 107 | Urm, that’s all I remember really, um from my birth and stuff. |  |  | ‘that’s all’ – expectation that there should me more? |
| 108 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 109 | I was knocked out, so, yeah, I think that were it. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 16 **An interpretation of Postnatal depression** |  |  |  |
| 110 |  | That’s fine, and what about adjusting to motherhood then, what do you want to |  |  |
| 111 | Urm, (Pause) I were really depressed, |  |  | Depression |
| 112 | I’ll admit it, |  |  |  |
| 113 | I were, did suffer from post natal depression because I thought I didn’t give that baby life, |  |  | Failure |
| 114 | if them doctors hadn’t been there he would have died, |  |  | Medical heroes/ Nicole positioned dependent/ failure  Jack- vulnerable (nearly died) |
| 115 | you know, I wanted to do it all naturally, |  |  |  |
| 116 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 117 | I wanted to get in the birthing pool and everything, |  |  | Idealist motherhood |
| 118 | they just said no it’s not happening, not going to happen. |  |  | Denied dream/ expectation of birth |
|  | Story 17 **An education in Mothering** |  |  |  |
| 119 | Urm moved into a flat with my partner, and my little boy, |  |  |  |
| 120 | fed him every night, breast fed him for several months and weeks |  |  | Motherhood, illustrated by breast feeding  Jack dependent |
| 121 | and then moved onto bottle feeds. |  |  |  |
| 122 | Urm, it’s Rebecca really, she has been my rock, she has. |  |  | Idiom  She has - emphasis |
| 123 | Without her I’d be nowhere because I don’t have my Mum or ought like that, do you know, to tell me what to do. |  |  | Dependence - Rebecca |
| 124 | None of the nurses ever told you to do nothing, |  |  | Extremes - emphasis |
| 125 | so if Rebecca hadn’t told me I wouldn’t know really. |  |  |  |
| 126 | It was Rebecca that showed me is first bath, |  |  |  |
| 127 | they don’t show you that either, they just leave it (laugh), |  |  | nurses |
| 128 | urm, Rebecca told me when to wean him, what to do when you have colic, |  |  | Examples justifying claim |
| 129 | just all sorts, everything you need to know, in a person. (laugh) Everything you need to know about motherhood in a person, |  |  | Knowledgeable support  Care skills  Learning |
| 130 |  | Yeah |  |  |
| 131 | just great yeah. That’s all I have to say really about, |  |  |  |
| 132 | it’s just her, if it want for her I’d have no Emma’s group on a Tuesday, |  |  | Resources/ services |
| 133 | there’d be no, I wouldn’t even have known about any of the services I have access to now. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 18: **belated debriefing on birth and postnatal hospital experience** |  |  |  |
| 134 | You know, it were Rebecca and all that she set up a meeting for me, my partner and the family that were there at the birth to go in and actually ask what happened and why did this all happen, |  |  | Significant step towards resolve – unclear what Nicole’s role was, e.g. what she said/ did that made Rebecca arrange it |
| 135 | you know why was I put in such a small room not on the brand new labour ward that just hadn’t been opened, there weren’t anything wrong with it, |  |  |  |
| 136 | no and they, they basically, they answered most of my questions |  |  | Active/assertive - questioning  Some resolve |
| 137 | and then when it came to what happened with Jack on neonatal, |  |  |  |
| 138 | *we can’t tell you about that, you have to have a special review in neonatal*, |  |  | Barrier to information  Victim? |
| 139 | that’s what they said and that was the end of that. |  |  |  |
| 140 | I looked in my discharge notes though and it says that there was a threat to mother and babies life, stuff like that, |  |  |  |
| 141 | I was never told anything about, ever, it’s just like, they just keep you in the dark, really do, I don’t know why. |  |  |  |
| 142 |  | Um |  |  |
| 143 | I think it’s better to know, me. |  |  |  |
| 144 | Want to know what’s happening with your baby, not, *‘oh yeah everything fine’* when it’s really not |  |  | Motherhood  Knowledge of child |
|  | Story 19 **Reflecting on a bad hospital experience** |  |  |  |
| 145 |  | Do you think there’s an aspect of your age influencing |  |  |
| 146 | Definitely, definitely, definitely, I knew it, |  |  |  |
| 147 | I knew that they were only two nurses on the whole ward that looked forward to coming to see me, you know. |  |  | Whole – makes it bigger  Wanting people to want to come and see her |
| 148 | The rest of them, they just, wont bothered. They were getting paid for being there, they weren’t bothered. |  |  |  |
| 149 | You know what I mean, that’s how I felt about it anyway |  |  | Qualification that these are her thoughts not necessarily the ‘truth’ |
| 150 |  | Yeah |  |  |
| 151 | So, They just don’t tell you anything unless you ask, you know, you don’t ask you don’t get told there, |  |  | Care fails to meet expectation |
| 152 | I reckon that’s how they see it. |  |  | Qualification – her understanding |
| 153 |  | Yeah, Even if you do ask, ahy |  |  |
| 154 | Even if you do ask, yeah, that’s right. I said if I ever get pregnant again, I won’t be going back to [name of hospital], I’ll go to the [name of another hospital] or somewhere like that. |  |  |  |
| 155 | Because it just wasn’t nice, wasn’t a nice experience |  |  | Her experience wasn’t nice – emphasis on the experience not on the morality of the situation. |
| 156 |  | Yeah, it might be different being the second time around |  |  |
| 157 | If I’m older |  |  | Age |
| 158 |  | (Laugh) |  |  |
|  | Conclude interview part 1 |  |  |  |
| 159 |  | Is there anything else you want to talk about at the moment or do you want to stop and look at the prompt sheet. |  |  |
| 160 | Stop and look at the prompt sheet. |  |  |  |
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|  | BREAK |  |  |  |
|  | Story 20 **Banned from the prom** |  |  |  |
| 161 |  | OK Nicole, so you said you wanted to start, talking about the prom, so if you’d like to start off with that. |  |  |
| 162 | Urm I bought a prom dress and everything, done, sorted, hadn’t done nothing to not be able to go by school or ought like that, Urm |  |  | Significant – dress buying |
| 163 |  | And at this point did you have your child or |  |  |
| 164 | I was still pregnant |  |  |  |
| 165 |  | You were still pregnant, about how far along |  |  |
| 166 | Urm about, almost seven months, eight months, |  |  |  |
| 167 | but that’s when I’d just started getting a belly then, it just appeared from nowhere. |  |  |  |
| 168 |  | laugh |  |  |
| 169 | And as soon as you could see that I was pregnant, |  |  | Seeing - changes |
| 170 | everybody was, *‘no you can’t go to prom.’* |  |  | Everybody – who? school  No you can’t go - Repeated (170, 174, 175)  Power over Nicole  denied |
| 171 | ‘why not?’ |  |  | Attempt to challenge authority |
| 172 | *‘well what if this happens, what if that happens.’* |  |  |  |
| 173 | it’s not going to happen, I’ve come to school every day of my life, you know, noughts ever happened yet, why is it just going to happen because I’m pregnant |  |  | Nicole unconvinced |
| 174 | and then family were saying *‘oh no you can’t go’* |  |  |  |
| 175 | then school said *‘no, you can’t go’* |  |  |  |
| 176 | and that were it, that were the end of our prom, |  |  | Authority wins |
| 177 | we were never allowed to go, because I was pregnant. |  |  | Discriminated  excluded |
| 178 |  | Did they give you any reasons why? |  |  |
| 179 | They just said, if I get knocked, something could happen, |  |  | Excluded officially on health and safety grounds |
| 180 | that were it, that was their only excuse, not to let me go. |  |  |  |
| 181 | They were just covering their own backs really, |  |  | Suspicious of motives  Protecting themselves |
|  | Story 21 **A few supporters** |  |  |  |
| 182 | they won’t, yeah because it was a Catholic school, so they were yeah, |  |  | Shared cultural assumption |
| 183 | there were only a couple of teachers who were really supportive, |  |  | Of Nicole generally or the pregnancy. In this context I interpret pregnancy  Supportive  Not supportive |
| 184 | one of my teachers I will say, bought me a hamper and everything, brought my cards to the hospital, came and visited me in hospital, |  |  | Listing the support, delivery - admiration |
| 185 | brought me the big massive washing basket urm and urr just filled it with baby stuff, oh it was so nice, so nice. |  |  | Repeated –emphasis. Also delivery emphasis emotional – wonder. The basket was nice or bringing the gift was so nice. The whole experience |
|  | Story 22 **Medical complications** |  |  |  |
| 186 | Urr but now is the I can’t do anything problem, |  |  | Introduced –clear abstract |
| 187 | I can’t stand up and wash up for longer than 10 minutes so I have to sit down, |  |  | Physical complication (on going) |
| 188 | if I sit down, I’m slouched over all the time, |  |  |  |
| 189 | urm, I can’t walk around town for longer than 10 minutes. |  |  | Implications on identity – able doing things |
| 190 | Urm, I can’t reach over to put my son into his cot because it’s painful. |  |  | Implications on motherhood – physical care |
| 191 | I have expressed these concerns ever since I had him |  |  | Expressed - |
| 192 | and nobody has ever done anything about it. |  |  | Nobody  Nothing |
| 193 |  | And what’s the timescale been between then and now. |  |  |
| 194 | He’s 19, months now |  |  |  |
| 195 |  | Right |  |  |
| 196 | So, urm, the, the, the check up that the doctors suppose to do after you’ve had them, it was just a phone call, |  |  | Phone call not sufficient |
| 197 | *‘are you OK, is everything OK?’* |  |  | Finally asking (but over the phone, distant/ no relationship |
| 198 | And I just said ‘yeah’, |  |  |  |
| 199 | I just wanted to get on with my baby, |  |  | Motherhood  In context of the hospital separating mother and child |
| 200 | just said yeah, put the phone down and never heard from them again. |  |  |  |
| 201 | As far as they were concerned everything was fine, |  |  |  |
| 202 |  | Um |  |  |
| 203 | urm, if someone had have come and seen they would have noticed I had a haematoma. |  |  | Medical complication (at the time) |
| 204 | I told Rebecca about it, she sorted everything out. |  |  |  |
| 205 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 206 | Urm I had a haematoma, which I didn’t even know what it was. |  |  |  |
| 207 | I just looked one day and there was just puss and blood |  |  |  |
| 208 | and I was absolutely terrified, |  |  |  |
| 209 | I didn’t know what it was. |  |  | Lacking knowledge again – fear |
| 210 | Urm I healed wrong cos my bed in hospital was always sat up rather than laid down flat, |  |  | Meaning construction |
| 211 | so now if I lay down flat it hurts. |  |  |  |
| 212 | Urm, just all sorts of stuff really, |  |  |  |
|  | Story 23 **Age and access to medical treatment** |  |  |  |
| 213 | I’m going to doctor’s today actually, I’ve had enough I need some painkillers, |  |  |  |
| 214 | that’s the thing and all I’ve had to start taking pain, stronger pain killers, you know that just paracetamol and stuff like that |  |  | Stronger Pain killers – manage pain |
| 215 | but off other people because when I was underage they wouldn’t prescribe me anything. |  |  | Age – restricting medication  Dependence on others to access drugs |
| 216 | When I was diagnosed with postnatal depression I were referred to a, urm psychiatrist, |  |  | Diagnosed – postnatal depression  Services/ resources - psychiatrist |
| 217 | it took 10 weeks for even the first dose of medicine to even touch my lips |  |  | Delay receiving meds  dramatic |
| 218 | because I was under eighteen they won’t prescribe me what they normally throw out to everybody else. |  |  | Age discrimination  Perception of drug administration |
| 219 | Then they have to, *‘it’s trial and error’* they said. |  |  |  |
| 220 | So if it doesn’t work tough, try another one, that doesn’t work tough try another one, |  |  |  |
| 221 | I ended up having to have four different ones before I just eventually gave up |  |  | Medication not helping |
| 222 | and said, I can’t do this no more, I’d rather just be with my little un. |  |  | Motherhood – medication a barrier? |
|  | Story 24 **Depressed and alone: the start of substance abuse** |  |  |  |
| 223 | Urm, then when I came off antidepressants, |  |  |  |
| 224 | I split up with my partner moved into a house on my own, |  |  | Change  Relationship break up  New house  alone |
| 225 | broke my ankle so my son wasn’t there, |  |  | Separated from child |
| 226 | cos I couldn’t look after him in a three storey house with a broken ankle, |  |  | Explanation |
| 227 | so he wasn’t there, he was with my Grandparents. |  |  | repeated  Separation, alone/ isolation |
| 228 | And then gradually started to use drugs and alcohol, |  |  | Drug abuse |
| 229 | which I used almost every day, |  |  | Indicating the extent of it. Wants me to know how bad it was |
| 230 | urm, psychiatrist at [place name] knew, nought was ever done about that, |  |  | Authority knows, should have done more? |
|  | Story 25 **Problems with** **access to Psychiatric help** |  |  |  |
| 231 | urm and then I got one psychiatrist and he was absolutely fantastic, |  |  |  |
| 232 | the best person ever for that sort of job. |  |  | extreme |
| 233 | Really got into my head, really got it out how I saw it, do you know what I mean |  |  | Sense of being understood  helpful  Relationship |
| 234 | and then all of a sudden I was being sent off to see a different person, |  |  | rejection |
| 235 | I said well ‘why is this happening?’ |  |  |  |
| 236 | and he said urm ‘*certain people from certain surgeries are going to one person and certain people from other surgeries are coming to me,* |  |  |  |
| 237 | *and you’re not on the list that’s coming to me anymore’*. |  |  |  |
| 238 | And then he said, urm, after a couple of weeks, urm, ‘*I’m going to make it my personal business to see you, I want to see you, I know I can work with you, it’ll be a good thing for you,*’ |  |  | Wanted – relationship validated – work well/ achieve together  Potential help |
| 239 | urm and then unfortunately went off sick for months and months and months. |  |  | Relationship unavailable |
| 240 | I never saw a psychiatrist after that apart from, the last person I saw was a psychiatrist I’d never met before, |  |  | No relationship |
| 241 | she’d only read about three, four pages of stuff about me, cos obviously the other doctor was off sick so there was never ought really taken down about me, |  |  |  |
| 242 | urm and she just said I think your postnatal depression is a secondary issue, I’m signing you off, that’s it. |  |  | Access to resource/service lost |
| 243 |  | OK |  |  |
| 244 | That was the end of that |  |  | gone |
|  | Story 26 **Social service intervention** |  |  |  |
| 245 |  | And were you still living by yourself at that time? |  |  |
| 246 | Yeah, still living by myself, still using alcohol, drugs, no baby, |  |  | Alone  Separated from child  Abusing substances |
| 247 | social services got involved, urm and that’s when all that was thrown in my face, |  |  | Social service involvement |
| 248 | *‘you use drugs, you use alcohol, you’re a bad Mum, you can’t look after your son, blah de, blah de, blah.’* |  |  | Criticism  Bad Mum  Substance abuser |
| 249 | And that’s why they are still involved now, they’ll not go away, |  |  | Power over her |
| 250 | even though we had a case conference to see whether Jack would be eligible to go on to a child protection order |  |  |  |
| 251 | and the chair person of that order who would decide whether or not he would be put on it said *‘is it actually needed, is Jack at risk of any harm’* |  |  | Order – authority body |
| 252 | and everybody said ‘no.’ |  |  |  |
| 253 | There’s no risk to harm him or anything like that at this point, |  |  | Good Mum |
| 254 | urm, but he was put on the order because they want to make sure that I just carry on doing what I do, if that makes sense, |  |  | Nicole agreeing -Makes sense |
| 255 | cos they’ve been involved before and dun what I’m supposed to have done and then slipped down when they’ve left, do you know what I mean, |  |  | Vulnerable Mum  Needs support |
| 256 |  | um |  |  |
| 257 | so they’ve just, here now to make sure I’m doing what I’m doing but, |  |  | Support or incentive? |
|  | Story 27 **Difficulties with a specific professional** |  |  |  |
| 258 | that’s not what he’s doing, that social worker, |  |  |  |
| 259 | I hate him he’s awful, he says I’m volatile, argumentative, all sorts |  |  | Relationship negative |
| 260 | and then all other services are saying I’m great and fantastic, I do everything they say and allsorts. |  |  | Relationship positive (contrast) |
| 261 | What’s the problem with the social worker then? |  |  |  |
| 262 | He seems to think, I’m a problem. |  |  |  |
| 263 |  | Is it just a personality clash do you think? |  |  |
| 264 | Er I think so, he just talks over you. Just talks over, doesn’t want to listen to anything you’ve got to say |  |  | Nicole’s opinions |
| 265 | but even professionals that have been from my house from other services have said ‘I don’t like him either, he’s not a nice person’, |  |  | validation |
| 266 | and I know that he’s been reported and stuff before for being awful to people. |  |  |  |
| 267 |  | Um hm |  |  |
| 268 | And it’s just, I would put it to them to get him changed but there’s no point now, |  |  | Perception of own power |
| 269 | I’ve gone so far, might as well get rid of him properly. |  |  |  |
| 270 | And he hates it, he hates that I’m doing it. |  |  | Repetition - strong |
| 271 | When he first become involved he said *‘expect a letter through your door and get a solicitor as soon as you read it.’* |  |  | Threat of losing child |
| 272 | That letter never came. |  |  | Waiting for it |
| 273 | So, yeah, that were a bad thing, |  |  | Strong emotional impact |
| 274 | that really sent me down hill that. |  |  |  |
| 275 | Expect a letter through your door, we’re going to take your baby away. |  |  | salience of event  Power of social worker |
| 276 |  | Um hm |  |  |
| 277 | You know what I mean |  |  |  |
| 278 |  | I can imagine yeah. |  |  |
|  | Story 28 **Social worker, child protection and hypocrisy** |  |  |  |
| 279 |  | So long had you actually had him back at that point. |  |  |
| 280 | Er, I don’t quite remember, I think he was still at my Grandparents, when he said that to me. |  |  |  |
| 281 |  | Right |  |  |
| 282 | Er, I got him back in October, last year, |  |  | Approx six months |
| 283 | he wasn’t placed there on an order or ought like that |  |  |  |
| 284 | he was just there because I broke my ankle |  |  | Ability to care |
| 285 | and then for some reason the social worker *said ‘I think it’s best if Jack stays there until you move out’* my old property *‘and get a new one and sort yourself out.’* |  |  | Social worker advocated for Jack to remain at Grandparents |
| 286 | but yet my Grandfather has got a schedule one offense and they placed a baby there without the Mother. |  |  | Status of mother – primary protector, best interest of child |
| 287 | No it’s not right that is it, not at all. |  |  | Inconsistent – child welfare  Clear judgment |
| 288 | Then urm in October, I got this house, paid for it all myself. |  |  | Pride |
| 289 | All out my own money, got everything I needed. |  |  | Provider |
| 290 | The first day I got my son back my window got smashed, |  |  |  |
| 291 | which that were awful |  |  |  |
| 292 | but that were never any concern to the social worker, |  |  | Inconsistent – child welfare |
| 293 | said he were still OK to stay here, |  |  |  |
| 294 | then he just got settled again |  |  | Bonding? |
| 295 | and now he’s with his Mum and Dad all the time. |  |  |  |
| 296 | Whereas before he use to cry for my Grandma, |  |  | Mother child relationship |
| 297 | which was where he was staying, |  |  |  |
|  | Story 29 **Surviving with a little help** |  |  |  |
| 298 | but if it wasn’t for Rebecca I’d be nowhere, honest to God. |  |  | Dependence  Emphasise genuine belief |
| 299 | We had an old house up the estate and it was just awful, |  |  | We – partner? Jack? |
| 300 | worst place to live ever, |  |  |  |
| 301 | I don’t know, that’s when I was postnatal depression and all that, |  |  |  |
| 302 | it was just a shit hole, |  |  |  |
| 303 | if I can say that, if I can say that. |  |  |  |
| 304 | Urm and Rebecca had come in and said ‘oh come on Nicole we’ll do it we’re going to do it together’ |  |  | Together, relationship, our problem |
| 305 | and she’d say, ‘if social services were here they’d be taking our Jack’ you know |  |  | relationship |
| 306 | and then I’d be like, I’ve got to get up, I’ve got to do it. |  |  | Motivated by Rebecca’s approach |
| 307 | That’s thanks to Rebecca that. Thank God. She’s an angel |  |  | Dependence  Spiritual?/ cultural?  Gratitude |
| 308 |  | Everybody needs somebody to get them through don’t they |  | My interpretation |
| 309 | Definitely. |  |  |  |
| 310 |  | A new experience |  |  |
| 311 | Definitely |  |  |  |
|  | Story 30 **My saviour, their bad influence** |  |  |  |
| 312 | Urm, don’t know what else to say. |  |  |  |
| 313 |  | Do you want to talk a little bit about the people around you other than Rebecca who have been supportive or perhaps not supportive. |  |  |
| 314 |  | Through the process and how that changed over those years. |  |  |
| 315 | Urm, there’s not that many people in my life really |  |  | Perceived deficit in support |
| 316 | other than Harry, my partner, |  |  |  |
| 317 | his Mum, I love her to bits, |  |  |  |
| 318 | urm my Grandma and Granddad |  |  |  |
| 319 | and then my Nana and Granddad, |  |  |  |
| 320 | that’s it really, who support me anyway. |  |  |  |
| 321 | Who are good influences, sort of. |  |  | others bad influences  sort of - qualified |
| 322 | They, they have their convictions but, |  |  |  |
| 323 | that’s a thing I don’t like and all, |  |  |  |
| 324 | all them people, |  |  |  |
| 325 | my Granddad has put thousands of pounds into me, |  |  |  |
| 326 | do you know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 327 | he has been the only one financially stable enough to ever do anything for me |  |  | Financial support |
| 328 | paid for my [inaudible] getting, he gave me money as soon as I turned 18. |  |  |  |
| 329 | I’ve had money all through my life, |  |  | Gratitude |
| 330 | I’ve never wanted for anything off my Granddad, |  |  |  |
| 331 | you know what I mean |  |  |  |
| 332 | but yet because he’s got a schedule one offence, |  |  |  |
| 333 | that is it, he’s dammed forever, |  |  | Unforgiving  judged |
| 334 | do you know what I mean |  |  |  |
| 335 | he’s just seen as a bad person to have in my life |  |  |  |
| 336 | and my Nana, she brought, me my brother and my younger sister up from being babies |  |  |  |
| 337 | as well as having four kids of her own, |  |  |  |
| 338 | urm, that resulted in her marriage breaking down |  |  |  |
| 339 | and Granddad moving out because he couldn’t do with all the kids and stuff. |  |  |  |
| 340 | But because she’s been convicted of murder, |  |  |  |
| 341 | urm she’s a bad person in my life. |  |  |  |
| 342 | She’s been the only person who’s been there for me, |  |  |  |
| 343 | if it wasn’t for her I’d be dead, end of that, |  |  | Hypothetical/ saviour |
| 344 | you know I’d have been in child social services, somewhere, with a different name |  |  | Hypothetical |
| 345 |  | Um |  |  |
| 346 | Urm but because of that conviction, |  |  |  |
| 347 | that happened before I was even born, |  |  | Not the Nana she’s known |
| 348 | she was, she’s just a bad person to have in my life apparently. |  |  | Other people’s views – pressure? |
| 349 |  | And who do you feel that message is coming from? |  |  |
| 350 | Social services |  |  |  |
| 351 |  | Social services |  |  |
| 352 | One hundred percent, |  |  |  |
|  | Story 31 **Social worker, discrimination and a family name** |  |  |  |
| 353 | they just, my last name is Craigh |  |  | exasperation |
| 354 | and my Nana’s last name, her maiden name is Stevens. |  |  |  |
| 355 | They’re associated as a bad family in [area name] |  |  |  |
| 356 | you know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 357 | the whole of [area name]. |  |  |  |
| 358 | Cause my Nana’s got that last name, |  |  |  |
| 359 | the social worker keeps writing in every report, |  |  | prejudice |
| 360 | Nicole is part of the Steven’s family. |  |  |  |
| 361 | That is not my name, |  |  | identity |
| 362 | I wasn’t born into that family, |  |  |  |
| 363 | My Nana’s Stev\*, Alice Stuart now, not Stevens, |  |  |  |
| 364 | nought to do with them, |  |  |  |
| 365 | but yet still goes in every report that I’ve had from a social worker. |  |  | prejudice |
| 366 | Why? It’s not my family, |  |  | Family identity |
| 367 | I don’t have nought to do with them. |  |  |  |
| 368 | You know but yet still, up to every person in every meeting, always comes up, |  |  |  |
| 369 | and that’s wrong. |  |  | Again judgment of the social worker |
| 370 | That is wrong. |  |  | repetition |
| 371 | Even other professionals have said you want to be careful about that because you could be sharing information about a different family. |  |  |  |
| 372 | You know what I mean. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 32 **Transition away from school friends** |  |  |  |
| 373 | Urrm, what else |  |  |  |
| 374 |  | What about friends? |  |  |
| 375 |  | Sort of before, when you where at school |  |  |
| 376 | I’ve always had friends, |  |  | Friends |
| 377 | I wouldn’t say that I was a popular kid, |  |  |  |
| 378 | but, everybody knew me, |  |  | Social |
| 379 | do you know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 380 | got on with everyone, |  |  | Friendly identity |
| 381 | unless you did me wrong and then you wouldn’t get on with me. |  |  | Assertive/ respond to injustice |
| 382 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 383 | Urm but yeah, |  |  |  |
| 384 | I had so many friends in school |  |  |  |
| 385 | and then when I got pregnant, |  |  | Cause |
| 386 | there were only a few of them, |  |  | Consequence |
| 387 | but now everyone one of them, everyone apart from one of my friends have got a kid, (laugh) |  |  | Community norm to have kids younger? |
| 388 | I don’t see them anymore though. |  |  | Loss of friends |
| 389 | I just, sort of made new friends now. |  |  | New friends |
|  | Story 33 **Friends who understand** |  |  |  |
| 390 |  | And what do you think made that transition then between the friends? |  |  |
| 391 | If it wasn’t for the baby groups I wouldn’t have met nobody. |  |  | Dependent  service |
| 392 | I wouldn’t have known anybody. |  |  |  |
| 393 | I would have just been sat on my own every day, on my own. |  |  | hypothetical |
| 394 | Do you know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 395 | but yeah, it’s not like, friends, friends, |  |  | Definition of friends |
| 396 | like constant friends, you know like you see every day and you talk to everyday, |  |  |  |
| 397 | it’s once a week like casual friends, |  |  | Types of friends |
| 398 | but it’s nice. |  |  |  |
| 399 |  | Yeah |  |  |
| 400 | You have your own space |  |  | Time for self?/ family? |
| 401 | and then you have time for friends who know exactly what you are going through. |  |  | Solidarity/ shared experience  Understanding  equality |
| 402 | They know, they just know exactly what you’re saying. |  |  |  |
| 403 | Nobody else, just nobody else ever gives a crap, |  |  | Disinterest (others) |
| 404 | they don’t want to listen, |  |  |  |
| 405 | apart from special people for babies and stuff, |  |  | Professionals? Rebecca? |
| 406 | babies and bumps. |  |  |  |
| 407 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
|  | Story 34 **Revelation: Young Mum’s against the world** |  |  |  |
| 408 |  | Would you say that your experiences have been quite similar to some of your friends? |  |  |
| 409 |  | Or would you say that your experiences were very different? |  |  |
| 410 | I thought I were, in that group, I thought I were going to be the only person with a bad experience |  |  |  |
| 411 | and they all had someut to say someut to tell |  |  | (post interview discussion suggests that this related to the hospital experience – however reported incidents of prejudice or discrimination were not exclusively hospital based) |
| 412 | and it’s just opened my eyes it’s like, oh my God. |  |  | idiom |
| 413 | This isn’t only me, this is happening to a lot of young Mums |  |  | Negative experiences |
| 414 | and they all know, |  |  | shared |
| 415 | I don’t know, I don’t even know what to say about it, |  |  | stunned |
| 416 | it’s shocking, that’s what it is, shocking. |  |  | Repeat - emphasis |
| 417 | Why, why, why are females treated different because of their age? |  |  | repetition  Discrimination |
| 418 | When they have a baby? |  |  |  |
| 419 | It’s almost like discrimination, |  |  | Why almost? |
| 420 | you’re singled out because you are a young Mum, |  |  |  |
| 421 | you’re a disgrace because you’re a young Mum. |  |  | Prejudice  Shameful (others opinion) |
| 422 | ‘*Oh look at her, how old do you think she is and she’s got a baby’*. |  |  | Actual speech or thought |
| 423 | Do you know what I mean. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 35 **Prejudice in town** |  |  |  |
| 424 |  | And is that something that you’ve been directly aware of? |  |  |
| 425 |  | have you, have you heard comments like that directly? |  |  |
| 426 | Yeah, definitely, definitely, in town and stuff. |  |  | Prejudice (town) - society |
| 427 | Even when breast feeding and stuff you know |  |  |  |
| 428 | cause obviously they want feeding wherever they are |  |  | Mothering – attending needs |
| 429 | and just people stare and point and look and snigger. |  |  | Prejudice/ discrimination |
| 430 | It’s just like what is your problem? |  |  | Indication of strength |
|  | Story 36 **prefer to be a Mum** |  |  |  |
| 431 | And everybody says *‘oh yeah you’re missing out on the rest of your life’* blah, blah, blah. |  |  | Direct talk  Blah, blah, blah – being lectured? |
| 432 | I’d rather be a young Mum, |  |  |  |
| 433 | cos I know a load of people my age who would rather go and sniff cocaine every weekend and be blathered out their face, |  |  | Justification  Saved from drugs |
| 434 | you know and I’m sat at home with a little loving family, |  |  | Family - love |
| 435 | watching TV, giggling, laughing, throwing food at each other |  |  | Family -joy |
| 436 | do you know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 437 | making pictures and stuff to remember for the rest of your life. |  |  | valuable |
| 438 | Then when your kids grow up then you can go out, why not? |  |  | Questioning the predominant order of events |
| 439 | Be a crazy forty odd year old lady, I don’t know. |  |  |  |
| 440 | Do you know what I mean. |  |  |  |
| 441 | Yeah, I wouldn’t change it for the world, |  |  | Cultural expression – value priority |
| 442 | never I wouldn’t no. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 37 **Benefits of being a young Mum** |  |  |  |
| 443 | Someone asked me I’d say four boys and one girl |  |  |  |
| 444 | and then I might think about stopping (laugh). |  |  |  |
| 445 | But I wouldn’t wait now to have another kid, |  |  | Family plans |
| 446 | I wouldn’t wait I just would want them all young, |  |  | Preference for being a young Mum |
| 447 | I think you can do so much more with them as a young Mum, |  |  |  |
| 448 | you know, more physical stuff obviously, |  |  | Young Mum – physically able (generalised belief) |
| 449 | I think you have more of an understanding, |  |  | Better understanding of your child |
| 450 | you know because you’re more immature yourself, |  |  |  |
| 451 | you sort of understand the immaturity of your child. |  |  |  |
| 452 | Do you know, does that make sense? |  |  |  |
| 453 | Does it make sense? |  |  |  |
| 454 |  |  | in a way yeah |  |
| 455 | (Laugh) |  |  |  |
| 456 | That’s how I see it anyway, |  |  |  |
| 457 | it’s like I know what he’s saying I know what he’s doing |  |  |  |
| 458 |  |  | And you’ve got a bit of immaturity about you because obviously you’re still young. |  |
| 459 | Yeah, but you know it’s like a connection, |  |  |  |
| 460 | it’s like a connection, sort of thing. |  |  |  |
| 461 | Whereas if I were 30 odd, |  |  |  |
| 462 | I’d have no idea what were running through his head. |  |  |  |
| 463 | You know, it’s hard to remember what you’ve already been through isn’t it? |  |  |  |
| 464 | But when you’re going through it, |  |  |  |
| 465 | and then there’s another one going through the same thing, but just in different stages, |  |  | Benefits of kids close together? |
| 466 | it’s it’s good. I like it, I love it, I wouldn’t change it for the world. |  |  |  |
| 467 | I don’t care what nobody says. |  |  | Acknowledgement & Rejection of opposition |
|  | Story 38 **Gaining a child: Gaining direction** |  |  |  |
| 468 |  | How did, I mean you talked about the fact that , you know, people asked you if you’d planned to have a child and that hadn’t been the case, |  |  |
| 469 |  | what were you thinking you were going to do and your life would be like back before you were pregnant? |  |  |
| 470 | Before I found out I was pregnant, |  |  |  |
| 471 | I thought I was going to be one of those kids that would go out very weekend, |  |  |  |
| 472 | get smashed out of their face, have a good time, as people would call it, |  |  | Challenges construct |
| 473 | you know what I mean. |  |  |  |
| 474 | The live your life to the full, all that, foolish. |  |  | Challenges this construction |
| 475 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 476 | Urm, I wasn’t aiming for a job, |  |  | No career/ study aspiration |
| 477 | I wasn’t aiming for college, nothing. |  |  |  |
| 478 | I had nothing in my future, in my eyes. |  |  |  |
| 479 | Everybody would say you can do what you want and all that, |  |  | Well used phrase |
| 480 | but it just wasn’t as easy as that, |  |  | Questioning the validity & 478 |
| 481 | like I’d prefer to be pregnant |  |  |  |
| 482 | and know, this is it now, |  |  |  |
| 483 | I, this has to be done, |  |  |  |
| 484 | because if I don’t do it, |  |  |  |
| 485 | then, what is he going to have? |  |  | Child deserving |
| 486 | What is he, what you going to give him, what you going to give him? |  |  |  |
| 487 | Do you know what I mean. |  |  |  |
| 488 | If you’re on your own, it’s like what are you going to give yourself, |  |  |  |
| 489 | oh you don’t care do you, it doesn’t matter, |  |  | Low self-worth beliefs |
| 490 | not right bothered |  |  |  |
| 491 | but when it’s somebody else’s life |  |  |  |
| 492 | and you have to look after somebody else |  |  |  |
| 493 | and make sure everything is right for them. |  |  |  |
| 494 | It’s almost like an incentive sort of thing |  |  | Uncertainty/ developing construct?  Motherhood motivation |
| 495 | because it’s just so rewarding when you just see him. |  |  | Motherhood rewarding / boost self-beliefs |
| 496 |  |  | motivation |  |
| 497 | Yeah, motivation, |  |  |  |
|  | Story 39 **Other people and the decision to have my child** |  |  |  |
| 498 | yeah, I always wanted a baby, I know I did, |  |  | Wanted child |
| 499 | I use to say to him, oh what if I got pregnant |  |  | Him = partner |
| 500 | and I was already pregnant, didn’t even know, |  |  | Reinforces wanted but unplanned |
| 501 |  | (Laugh) |  |  |
| 502 | ‘what if I got pregnant?’ |  |  | Aware of the possibility |
| 503 | He’s going ‘*oh no, don’t say that, don’t say that’*. |  |  | Direct talk |
| 504 |  | laugh |  |  |
| 505 | My Nana knows, soon as I told her, |  |  |  |
| 506 | well my Mum told her that I was pregnant, |  |  | (Mum) short time Mum was off drugs and available to Nicole |
| 507 | while my Mum was in labour, |  |  |  |
| 508 | but so they were all saying, they were all going *‘do the right thing, do the right thing,’* |  |  |  |
| 509 | as if to say get rid, you’re not having this baby, |  |  | Perception? |
| 510 | but my Granddad he said *‘I do not believe in abortion,’* |  |  |  |
| 511 | *‘I don’t believe in anything like that.’* |  |  |  |
| 512 | I couldn’t do it, |  |  |  |
| 513 | I just decided with him straight away, |  |  | ally |
| 514 | because I couldn’t do that, no way. |  |  |  |
| 515 | Even other people would say, *‘oh, what are you doing about it?’* |  |  | Interest  Pressure  Their business? |
| 516 | they were saying are you going to keep it or get rid of it? |  |  |  |
| 517 | It’s like, it’s a no brainer, |  |  | Cultural phrase |
| 518 | why would you do that? |  |  |  |
| 519 | Just because you’re a young Mum, end somebody’s life? |  |  | Construction of foetus as ‘somebody’ |
| 520 | You did it, you made it |  |  | responsibility |
| 521 | Yeah, step up, be a Mum, |  |  | challenge |
| 522 | if you didn’t want it, you should’ve have prevented it, |  |  | Culturally common (incorporated) |
| 523 | everybody says now, are you using protection, |  |  | Evidence of discouragement |
| 524 | it’s like, why? If it’s going to happen it’s going to happen intit. |  |  | Not wanting to prevent it |
| 525 | It’s just, it’s not tough oh it’s tough, it’s oh my God, |  |  |  |
| 526 | I want a baby, it’s brilliant, I can’t believe it, |  |  | Positive reception to pregnancy |
| 527 | there’s something living inside me that I have to look after, |  |  |  |
| 528 | right this is my job, for the rest of my life. |  |  | Purpose/ identity |
| 529 | I know I have to do this, this and this to take care of this little person |  |  |  |
| 530 |  | Is that the way you felt all the way through or did that kind of feeling change? |  |  |
| 531 | No it stayed the same, all the way through |  |  |  |
| 532 | I didn’t care, I didn’t care, |  |  |  |
| 533 | yeah I was depressed and I cried and whatever, |  |  |  |
| 534 | I still got up with him in the middle of the night when he cried for his booby (laugh) you know, (Pause ) |  |  | Even when depressed still wanted to be a Mum |
|  | Story 40 **Moving (instability) and getting enrolled with a GP practice** |  |  |  |
| 535 | yeah, one thing that did happen to me though, |  |  | Clear intro  Done to me victim |
| 536 | with uh doctors, because I lived in [area name], centre sort of thing, |  |  |  |
| 537 | I were at one doctors |  |  |  |
| 538 | and then when I became pregnant I moved to [area name2] |  |  |  |
| 539 | so I went to their doctors |  |  |  |
| 540 | and then once I’d moved again I had to move back to my old doctors |  |  | And then – repetition x3 (listing -continuous) |
| 541 | and then I had to move my partner from his doctors up there down to my doctors |  |  |  |
| 542 | and it was just like back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, |  |  | disruptive |
| 543 | wouldn’t take me, you know because I weren’t living somewhere and then I moved. |  |  |  |
| 544 | It was like, which one of you is going to have me |  |  | Rejection (doctors)  frustration |
| 545 | and they were both saying oh you’re out of my district. |  |  |  |
| 546 | It was like get your facts right, this is where I’m living. |  |  | Assertive |
| 547 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 548 | This is where I’m staying, I want this doctor, |  |  |  |
| 549 | yeah, that were a commotion that were bad that. |  |  | Disruptive/ impact |
| 550 |  | Um |  |  |
| 551 | Even with getting Jack registered and that, |  |  | Worse still |
| 552 | they wouldn’t register him, yeah twice I had to do it. |  |  | Disruptive |
|  | Story 41 **The baby made us closer** |  |  |  |
| 553 |  | So you’ve obviously talked a lot about your partner, |  |  |
| 554 |  | did your relationship change over the time? Or? |  |  |
| 555 | I don’t think we’d still have been together if we hadn’t had a baby, |  |  | Hypothetical future – importance of experience |
| 556 | I think it just brought us so much closer, |  |  | Relationship – facilitated  closer |
| 557 | so much more relaxed with each other, |  |  | Relationship |
| 558 | like it’s totally unbelievable, |  |  | unexpected |
| 559 | never in a million years would I get in the bath with anyone, |  |  | Relationship  Didn’t think she could be that comfortable with someone else |
| 560 | half out, pregnant out here, you know, |  |  |  |
| 561 | but it’s just so, I don’t know it’s just. |  |  | Difficulties expressing her existing construction in language versus forming a new construction  Reality of an understanding not created by language interaction |
| 562 | You want to get your belly out all the time and go listen, listen, feel, feel |  |  | Gives example of her experience |
| 563 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 564 | You know, yeah, I don’t think we’d have been together without a baby, |  |  |  |
| 565 | but, I don’t think it would have lasted this long anyway. |  |  |  |
| 566 | But we’ve rolled it out and we’ve both got a baby, |  |  | Problems along the way  Worth it |
| 567 | because I know that he didn’t want a baby |  |  | Partner - Didn’t want (hypothetical future) |
| 568 | but as soon as I found out I was pregnant, he wont bothered, |  |  |  |
| 569 | he wanted it. |  |  | Partner wanted child Reality of when he was going to have one |
| 570 | He was having it anyway, that was it! |  |  | Her choice – independent of partner resolve |
| 000 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 571 | I decided, |  |  |  |
| 572 | yeah, definitely brought us all together, so much |  |  | Definitely – repeated (sure) |
| 573 | We’re not like a normal couple anyway, we’re a lot closer. Definitely |  |  | Construction of a normal couple |
|  | Story 42 **How has the experience changed me?** |  |  |  |
| 574 |  | How do you think you’ve changed, or do you think you’ve stayed the same? |  |  |
| 575 |  | The whole process, what difference has it made on you do you think. |  |  |
| 576 | I think, I’ve mostly stayed the same, |  |  | No significant, change |
| 577 | I think I’ve matured a lot, |  |  | Matured? Constructions around responsibility & maturation? |
| 578 | Er, I still have a silly side, |  |  | Construction around being young - teenaged |
| 579 | like an eighteen year old side, |  |  |  |
| 580 | but I don’t think I’ve changed that much, |  |  |  |
| 581 | just quieter, a lot quieter, |  |  | Quieter? Associated with maturity?  Lot – significant change |
| 582 | unless it comes to something I disagree with and then [inaudible] (3). |  |  | Outspoken - assertive |
| 583 | I don’t know, |  |  |  |
| 584 | if it has changed me it’s changed me for the better anyway. |  |  | Improved?  Reflecting a positive construction of self |
|  | Story 43 **Looking after little sis: Drug complications** |  |  |  |
| 585 |  | I mean, it sounds like you’ve always had a certain amount of confidence, |  |  |
| 586 |  | you were able to say, you know, make your life decisions and choices, |  |  |
| 587 |  | you went on the contraception, you know, you went out and got that done, |  |  |
| 588 |  | you decided that when you did get pregnant that you were going to have the baby. |  |  |
| 589 | Yeah |  |  |  |
| 590 |  | And from what was said outside the tape you’ve been quite self assured in being able to look after your little brother |  |  |
| 591 | Yeah |  |  |  |
| 592 |  | when that was needed. |  |  |
| 593 | Yeah |  |  |  |
| 594 |  | Yeah |  |  |
| 595 | Yeah, my little brother and my little sister, |  |  |  |
| 596 | so, I looked after them both. |  |  | Role in looking after them) |
| 597 | My little sister she was a heroin baby. |  |  | Sister addicted to heroin |
| 598 | She was addicted to heroin, she use to stick her fingers in the ashtray, stuff like that, |  |  |  |
| 599 | that were hard. That were hard to look after a baby like that, |  |  | Emotionally? Or practically/ both |
| 600 | she really she really screamed for ashtrays instead of the bottle. |  |  |  |
| 601 | That were awful |  |  | Emotionally difficult |
| 602 |  | Uhm |  |  |
| 603 | She use to go into fits all the time, she use to be in hospital every week |  |  |  |
| 604 | and that were horrible, |  |  |  |
| 605 | but she use to sleep in my bed |  |  | Relationship (close) |
| 606 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 607 | She use to get into my bed, |  |  | Repeated – significant  Culturally evoked child getting into parents bed) |
| 608 | she’s not like that no more like, she hates me, does my head in, |  |  | Common phrase  Relationship- changed  Sibling relationship |
|  | Story 44 **How to me a Mum** |  |  |  |
| 609 | But yeah, I always looked after them two, |  |  |  |
| 610 | I’ve always been a Mum really, I really have. |  |  | Motherhood – identity  realisation |
| 611 | Not like other people who would probably don’t have a clue, urm. |  |  |  |
| 612 | Yeah, I knew what to do with a baby anyway. |  |  | Trying to establish this Mum construction |
| 613 | Even though I wasn’t told but I knew. |  |  |  |
| 614 | But it would be a shame for somebody that didn’t know. |  |  | Representing Nicole |
| 615 | You know, they still wouldn’t be told how to bath your baby and how to breastfeed and stuff like that. |  |  | Lack of information on care skills |
| 616 | They should, they should be told like in hospital. |  |  | Hospital should teach care skills |
| 617 | I don’t know how they expect you to go on, |  |  | Expectations of young Mums |
| 618 | cos you’re such a young Mum, you know, |  |  | sarcasm & irony |
| 619 | expect you just to go home and get on with it do they. |  |  | Unreasonable and unfair expectations |
|  | Story 45 **Strict Catholic school didn’t believe in it so ‘fogged me off’** |  |  |  |
| 620 |  | And you talked a lot about it being sort off the hospital sides responsibility, |  |  |
| 621 |  | what about the educational side. Do you see them having a role in that? |  |  |
| 622 | Er they, it was just about because they were a catholic school, |  |  |  |
| 623 | they don’t allow no sex education, they just don’t allow anything. |  |  | Catholic – no sex education  Construction – strict because it’s catholic |
| 624 | They are so strict, |  |  |  |
| 625 | coloured socks, you go to school in coloured socks, sent home. |  |  |  |
| 626 |  |  | beard |  |
| 627 | Yeah, beard sent home, it’s in your diary, in your school diary, no beards, it’s like, what? |  |  | Unreasonable, discriminatory |
| 628 | It should have no pregnant people as well, on there. |  |  | Unofficial discrimination – pregnant people |
| 629 | That’s what they did with me, just fogged me off. |  |  | Just got rid of her but without having to be direct about their discrimination |
| 630 | I don’t think they talk openly enough about it in that school. |  |  |  |
| 631 | Because because they are obviously a catholic school, they don’t like it, believe in it, |  |  | schools - Judgment |
| 632 | so why should they have it in their school hey. |  |  | rejected |
|  | Story 46 **Not having people you can ask** |  |  |  |
| 633 |  | I suppose they may not encourage people having sex outside of marriage |  |  |
| 634 | Yeah |  |  |  |
| 635 |  | and that type of thing but I mean everybody who does go to that school a lot of them eventually will become mothers |  |  |
| 636 | Yeah |  |  |  |
| 637 |  | Whatever age that happens to be. So do you think there could be more in terms of school, educating about how to be a mother? |  |  |
| 638 | Oh yeah, definitely, definitely, that should be taught to all young women. |  |  | Child care, taught in school  - Excluding young men? – construction, Mum is the primary carer |
| 639 | In case it does happen, because it does happen all the time, |  |  |  |
| 640 | people, people getting pregnant by accident. |  |  | Reinforce unplanned pregnancy |
| 641 | Not knowing anything about it and who are you suppose to ask? |  |  |  |
| 642 | Yu know if you don’t have a Mum, like me |  |  | Construction – learn from your Mum |
| 643 | and you go to school every day and you like school and you bond with your teachers |  |  | Relationship (bond -teachers)  Needing teachers to replace Mum |
| 644 | but you daren’t ask them because they are a catholic school, |  |  | Teachers unapproachable (setting or individuals?) |
| 645 | that’s awful, that is awful. |  |  | Emotionally salient |
| 646 | It should be talked openly about and explained, at least in some detail, rather than none, |  |  |  |
| 647 | because that’s just what it is up there, none. Nothing, keep mouth shut. |  |  | Silenced |
| 648 | Even the teacher that bought me the hamper had to go and ask special permission from the head teacher, |  |  | School inhibited relationship |
| 649 | just to do that, just to bring me a hamper. |  |  |  |
| 650 | It’s not right, it’s not right at all. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 47 **Teacher’s expectations** |  |  |  |
| 651 | know some teachers in that school will say oh yeah, she won’t do right well. |  |  | Teachers – negative expectations |
| 652 | She won’t, she won’t get far |  |  |  |
| 653 | and there were other teachers who were like, you can do this, you can do this. |  |  | support |
| 654 |  | It sounds quite divided then, the different people. |  |  |
| 655 | Definitely, definitely, there were only a selected few who would say that you can do this, |  |  | few supporting  unusual |
| 656 | others kept themselves to themselves and then bitched about you in the office. |  |  | Avoided & then spoke disparagingly behind her back – perception or informed/ heard |
| 657 |  | And was that mostly true of the adults as oppose to the |  |  |
| 658 | Yeah, yeah |  |  |  |
| 659 |  | Did you |  |  |
| 660 | Sometimes it’s just because of who you are |  |  |  |
| 661 | because it’s like I said, because of the family name, |  |  | Teachers – prejudice (family name) |
| 662 | that’s not even my name, |  |  |  |
| 663 | that’s another thing. |  |  |  |
| 664 |  | (laugh) |  |  |
| 665 | Yeah |  |  |  |
|  | Story 48 **Banded from school, banned from friends** |  |  |  |
| 666 |  | Were the young people there supportive, so your friends |  |  |
| 667 | Everybody at school always wanted to see me, |  |  |  |
| 668 | *‘when you coming in, I want to see you, how big are you.*’ |  |  | enthusiasm  Wanted (friends) |
| 669 | *‘I want to see you, I want to see you, when are you coming in.’* |  |  |  |
| 670 | *‘Are you coming in for exams,’* blah, blah, blah. |  |  |  |
| 671 | And, just wont allowed. Wont allowed. |  |  | Repetition – salient  Banned from school/ seeing friends |
|  | Story 49 **Exam provisions** |  |  |  |
| 672 |  | So what was it like studying for your exams then. |  |  |
| 673 | I didn’t really study, |  |  | Didn’t really study |
| 674 | they sent me out in post just a load of leaflets to read, basically, on what the exam wor |  |  | Insufficient support for exams |
| 675 | and then urm, I just went in for my exams. |  |  |  |
| 676 | They said if ought happens you know, just give us a shout and we’ll let you go or whatever, |  |  | Sensitive to needs or appearing to be fair/ nice people |
| 677 | which it did happen once, in my maths exam. |  |  |  |
| 678 | I got really bad cramps and I had to leave. |  |  | Pregnancy (cramps) interfering with exams |
| 679 | They were all right about that, they weren’t right bothered. |  |  | Not bothered about her achievement |
| 680 | But then when it came to actually getting my results, |  |  |  |
| 681 | I went into school and said have you got my results. |  |  |  |
| 682 | *‘Oh we forgot about you.’* |  |  | Forgotten (no relationship) |
| 683 | Huh, I thought, nice. |  |  |  |
| 684 | Thanks for forgetting about the results of my future. |  |  |  |
| 685 | You know what I mean, |  |  |  |
| 686 | *we forgot about you*. |  |  | Repeated – salient (hurt) |
| 687 | That’s what she said as if it were normal. |  |  | Unaware of Nicole’s perception?  Not what she would expect |
|  | Story 50 **No school: Stranded and without guidance** |  |  |  |
| 688 |  | Was that something, I mean obviously , you’ve talked about really the fact that the school did just slide you out and that must have, school is what you know when you’re young isn’t it |  |  |
| 689 | I loved school, I loved going to school I went to school every day, almost every day, I, I loved school. |  |  | Loved school – repeated - emphasis  Integral to her life/ identity |
| 690 | I loved doing my courses and all sorts. |  |  |  |
| 691 | But they just said no, you’re not coming into school, you can’t. |  |  | Taken away |
| 692 | In case something happens. |  |  |  |
| 693 |  | How did you feel about who you were and what you were going to do? When you were sort of told not to come in any more |  |  |
| 694 | Oh I were stranded, that were it. I was stranded. |  |  | repetition  loss |
| 695 | Nobody told me about no college, how to enrol or ought like that |  |  | dependent |
| 696 | and didn’t know about no connections or ought like that, |  |  |  |
| 697 | do you know what I mean. |  |  |  |
| 698 | I didn’t know anything. |  |  | Lack of knowledge – he how holds the knowledge holds the power  dependent |
| 699 | It was just knowing I wasn’t allowed to go to school |  |  | Isolated/ missing a part of her life |
| 700 | so I might as well just stay at home and read your leaflets |  |  |  |
| 701 | and that was it. |  |  |  |
| 702 | It were horrible |  |  |  |
| 703 |  | Um huh, Well you certainly, kind of, urm described yourself as being an intelligent girl and you’re clearly very articulate and you can say, urm, talk about the things you’ve been through, urm do you feel that in terms of education then, people let you down? |  |  |
| 704 | Definitely, definitely, |  |  |  |
| 705 | within leaving school there were just no guidance, no nought. | ‘within leaving school there were just no guidance, no nought. They didn’t tell you were to go, what to do next, what happens now, none of it.’ (705-706) |  |  |
| 706 | They didn’t tell you were to go, what to do next, what happens now, none of it. |  |  |  |
| 707 | And if you asked they’d just ignore you. |  |  | Failure to support |
| 708 | They wouldn’t be bothered because you’d left their school now, |  |  |  |
| 709 | you got your results and that were it. |  |  |  |
|  | Story 51 **Rejected by the old head of year** |  |  |  |
| 710 | It were the same every year, you got a new head of year |  |  |  |
| 711 | and you noticed that, the one that you had the year before, they don’t even speak to you no more, |  |  |  |
| 712 | they made out like they cared while you were in their year, as soon as you moved on, that’s it you don’t speak to them ever again. |  |  | False relationship |
| 713 | That’s awful and all. |  |  |  |
| 714 | Do you know you build a bond with somebody and they say ‘*oh yeah, yeah, come whenever you want, any problem.’* |  |  | Relationship (heads of year) |
| 715 | as soon as you move from their year it’s like no don’t speak to me. You’re not in my year any more. |  |  | No relationship (rejection) |
| 716 | That was horrible and all. |  |  | Emotionally salient |
|  | Story 52 **Ambushed at School: the schedule one offence** |  |  |  |
| 717 |  | Other than the school sort of at the time, obviously before you got pregnant, was it your kind of grandparents who were your rock, your stability back then. |  |  |
| 718 | Yeah definitely, |  |  |  |
| 719 | urm, I were, when I left my Grandmothers at the age of thirteen I was put into a children’s home, |  |  | Children’s home (Nana?) |
| 720 | urm and then my paternal Grandparents said I could live with them, which I did, |  |  |  |
| 721 | urm and then when the schedule one offence thing came up, |  |  |  |
| 722 | I didn’t know that I were pregnant at the time, but I wor, I wor pregnant. |  |  |  |
| 723 | And urr, they got all, they got a load of teachers in one office, |  |  | Ambushed |
| 724 | even teachers who knew my Granddad, you know really close friends to him, stuff like that. |  |  | Betrayal/ embarrassment  Threat to Granddad |
| 725 | Urrm, has your Granddad ever touch you and stuff like that, |  |  |  |
| 726 | oh that were horrible, that were the worst thing ever, that were awful, |  |  | Emotionally salient |
| 727 | in school, why? (Pause) |  |  |  |
| 728 | yeah that were bad. |  |  |  |
| 729 | Why could it have just been my head of year that asked me you know, one to one, |  |  | Inappropriate – should have been discrete and sensitive to Nicole and her Granddad |
| 730 | why get all them people in, even people that knew my Granddad, |  |  |  |
| 731 | why would you do that? |  |  |  |
| 732 | I were devastated, |  |  | emotional |
| 733 | anyway I ran out |  |  | escape |
| 734 |  | Umm |  |  |
|  | Story 53 **The sentence** |  |  |  |
| 735 | And that’s another thing, they were saying if you ever had a baby would you leave it with, your Granddad, |  |  |  |
| 736 | would you change the nappy in front of your Granddad, would you bath him in front of your Granddad, you know stuff like that, |  |  | Schedule one Interrogation – school (hypothetical Mum) |
| 737 | Even though the only person who had ever been there for me were my Grandma and Granddad. (Pause). |  |  |  |
| 738 | I know, I know I know what it sounds like, |  |  | Audience aware |
| 739 | he held his hands up straight away, never denied it, he paid off all his fines went and did his, everything that he was suppose to do he’s done, (Pause) |  |  |  |
| 740 | It weren’t part, I don’t know, I know it’s wrong what he’s done but there’s no way I’d stop him seeing my son, ever, |  |  |  |
| 741 | he loves him, he loves him, adores him, gives him everything he wants, whenever he wants it, |  |  | Importance of Granddad relationship with Jack |
| 742 | pays for anything he needs, takes him anywhere he needs to go, you know. |  |  |  |
| 743 | He absolutely loves that child. (Pause) |  |  |  |
| 744 | and for school to say that I’d be a bad Mum if I did let him see him and stuff, |  |  | Judgement – bad Mum (school staff) |
| 745 | that were horrible, it was. |  |  |  |
| 746 |  | Umm |  |  |
| 747 | I’ve even asked my partner you know, do you feel uncomfortable, when Jack is around my Granddad |  |  |  |
| 748 | and he’s only know him three year |  |  |  |
| 749 | and he said, no, I don’t. |  |  | validation |
| 750 | Because he knows how much he loves him (pause), |  |  |  |
| 751 | but like I said, that’s it now, that’s him tramp stamped for life by everybody. |  |  | Judgment |