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Demographic characteristics of the sample

Table S1. Demographics by gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Age | | | | |
| 14 | 43 (9.4%) | 14 (7.6%) | 12 (23.1%) | 69 (10.0%) |
| 15 | 79 (17.3%) | 30 (16.2%) | 10 (19.2%) | 119 (17.2%) |
| 16 | 127 (27.9%) | 48 (25.9%) | 9 (17.3%) | 184 (26.6%) |
| 17 | 167 (36.6%) | 64 (34.6%) | 16 (30.8%) | 247 (35.6%) |
| 18 | 40 (8.8%) | 29 (15.7%) | 5 (9.6%) | 74 (10.7%) |
| Remoteness categories | | | | |
| Major Cities of Australia | 255 (73.1%) | 121 (79.6%) | 26 (65.0%) | 402 (74.3%) |
| Inner Regional Australia | 47 (13.5%) | 16 (10.5%) | 4 (10.0%) | 67 (12.4%) |
| Outer Regional Australia | 26 (7.4%) | 11 (7.2%) | 9 (22.5%) | 46 (8.5%) |
| Remote Australia | 15 (4.3%) | 2 (1.3%) | 0 | 17 (3.1%) |
| Very Remote Australia | 6 (1.7%) | 2 (1.3%) | 1 (2.5%) | 9 (1.7%) |
| Sexual orientation | | | | |
| Bisexual | 123 (27.1%) | 29 (15.7%) | 20 (38.5%) | 172 (24.9%) |
| Gay or lesbian | 11 (2.4%) | 16 (8.6%) | 12 (23.1%) | 39 (5.6%) |
| Heterosexual or straight | 265 (58.4%) | 132 (71.4%) | 0 | 397 (57.5%) |
| I use a different term | 24 (5.3%) | 4 (2.2%) | 19 (36.5%) | 47 (6.8%) |
| Not sure | 31 (6.8%) | 4 (2.2%) | 1 (1.9%) | 36 (5.2%) |

Table S2. School characteristics by gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Year level | | | | |
| Year 9 | 52 (11.5%) | 21 (11.4%) | 13 (25.0%) | 86 (12.4%) |
| Year 10 | 86 (18.9%) | 32 (17.3%) | 9 (17.3%) | 127 (18.4%) |
| Year 11 | 123 (27.1%) | 53 (28.6%) | 12 (23.1%) | 188 (27.2%) |
| Year 12 | 132 (29.1%) | 53 (28.6%) | 9 (17.3%) | 194 (28.1%) |
| Not in school | 61 (13.4%) | 26 (14.1%) | 9 (17.3%) | 96 (13.9%) |
| School type | | | | |
| Catholic | 89 (22.9%) | 26 (16.8%) | 9 (21.4%) | 124 (21.2%) |
| Government | 214 (55.0%) | 82 (52.9%) | 24 (57.1%) | 320 (54.6%) |
| Independent | 82 (21.1%) | 45 (29.0%) | 9 (21.4%) | 136 (23.2%) |
| Home school | 4 (1.0%) | 2 (1.3%) | 0 | 6 (1.0%) |

Table S3. Cultural characteristics of the sample by gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Born in Australia | 385 (86.9%) | 156 (85.7%) | 50 (98.0%) | 591 (87.4%) |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | 16 (3.6%) | 3 (1.7%) | 3 (5.9%) | 22 (3.3%) |
| Language other than English ¹ | 17 (3.8%) | 7 (3.8%) | 2 (3.8%) | 26 (3.8%) |
| Mother born in Australia | 306 (70.8%) | 127 (70.2%) | 40 (80.0%) | 473 (71.3%) |
| Father born in Australia | 302 (69.7%) | 117 (65.0%) | 36 (70.6%) | 455 (68.5%) |
| Religion | | | | |
| No religion | 335 (76.5%) | 138 (77.5%) | 32 (65.3%) | 505 (75.9%) |
| Catholic | 53 (12.1%) | 16 (9.0%) | 2 (4.1%) | 71 (10.7%) |
| Anglican | 13 (3.0%) | 5 (2.8%) | 1 (2.0%) | 19 (2.9%) |
| Other Christian religion | 20 (4.6%) | 11 (6.2%) | 2 (4.1%) | 33 (5.0%) |
| Islam | 3 (0.7%) | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 4 (0.6%) |
| Buddhism | 4 (0.9%) | 5 (2.8%) | 2 (4.1%) | 11 (1.7%) |
| Hinduism | 1 (0.2%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| Sikhism | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Judaism | 1 (0.2%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| Other religion not listed above | 8 (1.8%) | 2 (1.1%) | 10 (20.4%) | 20 (3.0%) |
| CaLD ² | 84 (19.9%) | 32 (18.1%) | 6 (14.0%) | 122 (19.0%) |

¹ Language other than English spoken at home, ² At least one parent or young person was born in non-English speaking countries or speaks a language other than English at home

Young people's experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic

Table S4. Experiences during COVID-19, by gender.

| | Female n = 454 n(%) | Male n = 183 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 689 n(%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Someone at home had a COVID-19 test | | | | |
| Yes | 188 (41.4%) | 71 (38.8%) | 23 (44.2%) | 282 (40.9%) |
| No | 249 (54.8%) | 105 (57.4%) | 26 (50.0%) | 380 (55.2%) |
| Unknown | 17 (3.7%) | 7 (3.8%) | 3 (5.8%) | 27 (3.9%) |
| Someone at home was COVID positive | | | | |
| Yes | 1 (0.5%) | 1 (1.4%) | 0 | 2 (0.7%) |
| No | 184 (98.4%) | 69 (97.2%) | 23 (100.0%) | 276 (98.2%) |
| Unknown | 1 (0.5%) | 1 (1.4%) | 0 | 2 (0.7%) |
| Waiting for results | 1 (0.5%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.4%) |
| Less social interaction than before | 205 (45.6%) | 81 (43.8%) | 26 (50.0%) | 312 (45.4%) |
| Changes to daily life | | | | |
| Negative | 191 (42.2%) | 55 (29.9%) | 22 (44.9%) | 268 (39.1%) |
| Positive | 110 (24.3%) | 57 (31.0%) | 8 (16.3%) | 175 (25.5%) |
| Same | 152 (33.6%) | 72 (39.1%) | 19 (38.8%) | 243 (35.4%) |
| Changes to social life | | | | |
| Negative | 168 (37.0%) | 53 (29.0%) | 14 (28.0%) | 235 (34.2%) |
| Positive | 128 (28.2%) | 50 (27.3%) | 13 (26.0%) | 191 (27.8%) |
| Same | 158 (34.8%) | 80 (43.7%) | 23 (46.0%) | 261 (38.0%) |
| Changes to dating/romantic life | | | | |
| Negative | 110 (24.9%) | 65 (35.7%) | 12 (24.5%) | 187 (27.8%) |
| Positive | 151 (34.2%) | 34 (18.7%) | 14 (28.6%) | 199 (29.6%) |
| Same | 180 (40.8%) | 83 (45.6%) | 23 (46.9%) | 286 (42.6%) |

STI knowledge and awareness

Table S5. Correct responses to the 29 STI knowledge questions by gender.

| | Female n = 454 n(%) | Male n = 184 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 690 n(%) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Genital herpes is caused by the same virus as HIV (False) | 140 (30.9%) | 64 (34.8%) | 12 (23.1%) | 216 (31.3%) |
| Human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause HIV (False) | 92 (20.3%) | 55 (29.9%) | 10 (19.2%) | 157 (22.8%) |
| Human papillomavirus (HPV) is caused by the same virus that causes HIV (False) | 79 (17.5%) | 55 (29.9%) | 11 (21.2%) | 145 (21.1%) |
| If a person had gonorrhoea in the past they are immune (protected) from getting it again (False) | 243 (53.5%) | 94 (51.1%) | 26 (50.0%) | 363 (52.6%) |
| A person can tell by the way their body feels if they have hepatitis B (False) | 146 (32.2%) | 71 (38.6%) | 10 (19.2%) | 227 (32.9%) |
| If a person tests positive for HIV the test can tell how sick the person will become (False) | 240 (52.9%) | 89 (48.4%) | 24 (46.2%) | 353 (51.2%) |
| A person who has genital herpes must have open sores to give the infection to their sexual partner (False) | 227 (50.0%) | 95 (51.6%) | 27 (51.9%) | 349 (50.6%) |
| The same virus causes all STIs (False) | 307 (67.8%) | 123 (66.8%) | 34 (65.4%) | 464 (67.3%) |
| A person can look at their body and tell if they have gonorrhoea (False) | 190 (41.9%) | 68 (37.0%) | 14 (26.9%) | 272 (39.4%) |
| There is a vaccine available to prevent a person from getting gonorrhoea (False) | 143 (31.5%) | 53 (28.8%) | 13 (25.0%) | 209 (30.3%) |
| A person may have chlamydia if there is a yellow discharge with a strong smell coming from their genitals (True) | 302 (66.5%) | 107 (58.2%) | 37 (71.2%) | 446 (64.6%) |
| There is a vaccine that can protect a person from getting hepatitis B (True) | 230 (50.8%) | 78 (42.4%) | 23 (44.2%) | 331 (48.0%) |
| Frequent urinary infections can cause chlamydia (False) | 128 (28.2%) | 30 (16.3%) | 13 (25.0%) | 171 (24.8%) |
| There is a vaccine that prevents a person from getting chlamydia (False) | 189 (41.6%) | 62 (33.7%) | 18 (34.6%) | 269 (39.0%) |
| A person must have penetrative sex to get genital warts (False) | 316 (69.6%) | 115 (62.5%) | 35 (67.3%) | 466 (67.5%) |
| Chlamydia is a sexually transmissible infection that affects only persons with a uterus/womb (False) | 309 (68.2%) | 110 (59.8%) | 34 (65.4%) | 453 (65.7%) |
| People who share syringes and needles when injecting drugs are not at a greater risk for hepatitis C (False) | 230 (50.7%) | 101 (54.9%) | 29 (55.8%) | 360 (52.2%) |
| Once a person has caught genital herpes, they will always have the virus (True) | 197 (43.4%) | 60 (32.6%) | 19 (36.5%) | 276 (40.0%) |
| Hepatitis C can be transmitted with sterile or clean equipment used in tattooing and body piercing (False) | 146 (32.2%) | 67 (36.6%) | 20 (38.5%) | 233 (33.9%) |
| Chlamydia can lead to infertility (True) | 248 (54.6%) | 83 (45.1%) | 16 (30.8%) | 347 (50.3%) |
| Can HIV be spread by mosquitoes? (No) | 114 (25.1%) | 43 (23.4%) | 14 (26.9%) | 171 (24.8%) |

Table S5 continued...

| | Female n = 454 n(%) | Male n = 184 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 690 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Can a person get HIV by hugging someone who has it? (No) | 356 (78.4%) | 153 (83.2%) | 42 (82.4%) | 551 (80.0%) |
| Does the pill (contraceptive) protect a person from HIV? (No) | 380 (83.7%) | 143 (77.7%) | 42 (80.8%) | 565 (81.9%) |
| If condoms are used during sex does this help to protect people from getting HIV? (Yes) | 375 (82.6%) | 153 (83.2%) | 42 (80.8%) | 570 (82.6%) |
| Can someone with HIV who looks very healthy pass on the virus? (Yes) | 373 (82.2%) | 158 (85.9%) | 46 (88.5%) | 577 (83.6%) |
| Can HIV be passed from one person to another by sharing a needle or syringe with someone when injecting drugs? (Yes) | 317 (69.8%) | 140 (76.1%) | 38 (74.5%) | 495 (71.8%) |
| Can someone take pills (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP] or Post-Exposure Prophylaxis [PEP]) to stop them from getting HIV? (Yes) | 91 (20.0%) | 32 (17.5%) | 15 (28.8%) | 138 (20.0%) |
| Can HIV be passed from one person to another when having sex? (Yes) | 399 (87.9%) | 157 (85.3%) | 47 (90.4%) | 603 (87.4%) |
| Can HIV be spread through coughing or sneezing near other people? (No) | 197 (43.4%) | 92 (50.0%) | 27 (51.9%) | 316 (45.8%) |
| Mean percentage of correct answers | 51.3% | 50.1% | 49.2% | 50.9% |

Table S6. Percentage of young people aware of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HIV | 433 (95.0%) | 176 (95.1%) | 48 (92.3%) | 657 (94.8%) |
| Chlamydia | 433 (95.0%) | 174 (94.1%) | 46 (88.5%) | 653 (94.2%) |
| Gonorrhoea | 391 (85.7%) | 164 (88.6%) | 41 (78.8%) | 596 (86.0%) |
| Herpes | 432 (94.7%) | 174 (94.1%) | 47 (90.4%) | 653 (94.2%) |
| Genital warts | 387 (84.9%) | 157 (84.9%) | 36 (69.2%) | 580 (83.7%) |
| Syphilis | 359 (78.7%) | 156 (84.3%) | 35 (67.3%) | 550 (79.4%) |
| HPV | 359 (78.7%) | 148 (80.0%) | 30 (57.7%) | 537 (77.5%) |
| Hepatitis | 378 (82.9%) | 164 (88.6%) | 40 (76.9%) | 582 (84.0%) |
| Not aware of any STIs | 14 (3.1%) | 9 (4.9%) | 4 (7.7%) | 27 (3.9%) |

Sexual attraction and relationships

Table S7. Attraction, love and romance by sexual orientation and gender.

| | Heterosexual ¹ | | LGBQ | | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Female n = 264 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Female n = 189 n(%) | Male n = 53 n(%) | |
| Attraction | | | | | |
| Women | 13 (4.9%) | 125 (94.7%) | 169 (89.4%) | 35 (66.0%) | 44 (84.6%) |
| Men | 260 (98.5%) | 6 (4.5%) | 167 (88.4%) | 51 (96.2%) | 39 (75.0%) |
| Non-binary | 6 (2.3%) | 5 (3.8%) | 99 (52.4%) | 23 (43.4%) | 45 (86.5%) |
| No one | 0 | 1 (0.8%) | 1 (0.5%) | 0 | 3 (5.8%) |
| Not sure | 1 (0.4%) | 1 (0.8%) | 8 (4.2%) | 1 (1.9%) | 1 (1.9%) |
| Fall in love with/marry/raise a family with | | | | | |
| Women | 2 (0.8%) | 129 (97.7%) | 120 (63.5%) | 33 (62.3%) | 40 (76.9%) |
| Men | 259 (97.7%) | 1 (0.8%) | 155 (82.0%) | 39 (73.6%) | 33 (63.5%) |
| Non-binary | 7 (2.6%) | 4 (3.0%) | 81 (42.9%) | 23 (43.4%) | 43 (82.7%) |
| No one | 2 (0.8%) | 1 (0.8%) | 4 (2.1%) | 1 (1.9%) | 1 (1.9%) |
| Not sure | 3 (1.1%) | 1 (0.8%) | 15 (7.9%) | 2 (3.8%) | 5 (9.6%) |
| Romantic attraction | | | | | |
| Women | 6 (2.3%) | 130 (98.5%) | 152 (80.4%) | 33 (62.3%) | 45 (86.5%) |
| Men | 263 (99.2%) | 2 (1.5%) | 169 (89.4%) | 45 (84.9%) | 38 (73.1%) |
| Non-binary | 5 (1.9%) | 2 (1.5%) | 89 (47.1%) | 22 (41.5%) | 46 (88.5%) |
| No one | 0 | 1 (0.8%) | 1 (0.5%) | 0 | 2 (3.8%) |
| Not sure | 1 (0.4%) | 0 | 6 (3.2%) | 3 (5.7%) | 1 (1.9%) |

¹ There were no non-binary young people who identified as heterosexual in this sample

Table S8. Past and present relationships by gender.

| | Female n = 454 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 691 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ever been in a relationship | 353 (77.8%) | 112 (60.5%) | 39 (75.0%) | 504 (72.9%) |
| Currently in a relationship | 218 (61.8%) | 55 (49.1%) | 20 (51.3%) | 293 (58.1%) |
| Type of relationship for most recent relationship | | | | |
| Exclusive | 282 (85.5%) | 76 (74.5%) | 27 (73.0%) | 385 (82.1%) |
| Not exclusive (open relationship) | 14 (4.2%) | 5 (4.9%) | 4 (10.8%) | 23 (4.9%) |
| Not clearly defined | 34 (10.3%) | 21 (20.6%) | 6 (16.2%) | 61 (13.0%) |

Defining sex

Table S9. Behaviours that young people's' defined as sex by gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mutual masturbation | 142 (31.1%) | 56 (30.3%) | 26 (50.0%) | 224 (32.3%) |
| Genital rubbing | 183 (40.1%) | 82 (44.3%) | 33 (63.5%) | 298 (43.0%) |
| Oral sex | 250 (54.8%) | 124 (67.0%) | 46 (88.5%) | 420 (60.6%) |
| Vaginal sex | 452 (99.1%) | 184 (99.5%) | 51 (98.1%) | 687 (99.1%) |
| Anal sex | 348 (76.3%) | 167 (90.3%) | 49 (94.2%) | 564 (81.4%) |

Sexual behaviour

Table S10. Sexual behaviours by gender and year level.

| | Female n = 455 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 692 n(%) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Deep kissing | | | | |
| Year 9 | 27 (51.9%) | 8 (38.1%) | 9 (69.2%) | 44 (51.2%) |
| Year 10 | 60 (69.8%) | 21 (65.6%) | 4 (44.4%) | 85 (66.9%) |
| Year 11 | 95 (77.2%) | 28 (52.8%) | 9 (75.0%) | 132 (70.2%) |
| Year 12 | 118 (90.1%) | 33 (62.3%) | 6 (66.7%) | 157 (81.3%) |
| Not in school | 59 (96.7%) | 18 (69.2%) | 9 (100.0%) | 86 (89.6%) |
| Total | 359 (78.9%) | 108 (58.4%) | 37 (71.2%) | 504 (72.8%) |
| Masturbation | | | | |
| Year 9 | 43 (84.3%) | 17 (81.0%) | 11 (84.6%) | 71 (83.5%) |
| Year 10 | 63 (76.8%) | 29 (96.7%) | 5 (71.4%) | 97 (81.5%) |
| Year 11 | 105 (88.2%) | 49 (96.1%) | 8 (66.7%) | 162 (89.0%) |
| Year 12 | 116 (91.3%) | 50 (98.0%) | 7 (100.0%) | 173 (93.5%) |
| Not in school | 55 (91.7%) | 26 (100.0%) | 9 (100.0%) | 90 (94.7%) |
| Total | 382 (86.6%) | 171 (95.5%) | 40 (83.3%) | 593 (88.8%) |
| Touching partner's genitals | | | | |
| Year 9 | 24 (46.2%) | 6 (28.6%) | 8 (61.5%) | 38 (44.2%) |
| Year 10 | 55 (64.7%) | 17 (53.1%) | 2 (25.0%) | 74 (59.2%) |
| Year 11 | 86 (69.9%) | 30 (56.6%) | 10 (83.3%) | 126 (67.0%) |
| Year 12 | 110 (84.0%) | 31 (62.0%) | 5 (55.6%) | 146 (76.8%) |
| Not in school | 55 (90.2%) | 18 (69.2%) | 8 (88.9%) | 81 (84.4%) |
| Total | 330 (72.7%) | 102 (56.0%) | 33 (64.7%) | 465 (67.7%) |
| Being touched on your genitals | | | | |
| Year 9 | 28 (53.8%) | 7 (33.3%) | 8 (61.5%) | 43 (50.0%) |
| Year 10 | 55 (64.0%) | 15 (46.9%) | 2 (25.0%) | 72 (57.1%) |
| Year 11 | 88 (71.5%) | 28 (53.8%) | 10 (83.3%) | 126 (67.4%) |
| Year 12 | 111 (85.4%) | 29 (58.0%) | 5 (55.6%) | 145 (76.7%) |
| Not in school | 51 (85.0%) | 17 (65.4%) | 7 (77.8%) | 75 (78.9%) |
| Total | 333 (73.5%) | 96 (53.0%) | 32 (62.7%) | 461 (67.3%) |
| Pornography | | | | |
| Year 9 | 40 (76.9%) | 19 (90.5%) | 10 (83.3%) | 69 (81.2%) |
| Year 10 | 63 (75.9%) | 28 (93.3%) | 5 (55.6%) | 96 (78.7%) |
| Year 11 | 85 (70.8%) | 46 (92.0%) | 11 (100.0%) | 142 (78.5%) |
| Year 12 | 109 (84.5%) | 48 (98.0%) | 7 (87.5%) | 164 (88.2%) |
| Not in school | 52 (88.1%) | 26 (100.0%) | 9 (100.0%) | 87 (92.6%) |
| Total | 350 (78.7%) | 167 (94.9%) | 42 (85.7%) | 559 (83.4%) |
| Giving oral sex | | | | |
| Year 9 | 19 (37.3%) | 2 (9.5%) | 5 (38.5%) | 26 (30.6%) |
| Year 10 | 45 (52.3%) | 10 (31.2%) | 1 (11.1%) | 56 (44.1%) |
| Year 11 | 70 (56.9%) | 22 (41.5%) | 7 (63.6%) | 99 (52.9%) |
| Year 12 | 105 (79.5%) | 26 (50.0%) | 5 (55.6%) | 136 (70.5%) |
| Not in school | 51 (83.6%) | 16 (61.5%) | 8 (88.9%) | 75 (78.1%) |
| Total | 290 (63.7%) | 76 (41.3%) | 26 (51.0%) | 392 (56.8%) |

Table S10 continued...

| | Female n = 455 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 692 n(%) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Receiving oral sex | | | | |
| Year 9 | 18 (35.3%) | 4 (20.0%) | 3 (23.1%) | 25 (29.8%) |
| Year 10 | 43 (50.0%) | 10 (31.2%) | 0 | 53 (41.7%) |
| Year 11 | 73 (59.3%) | 22 (41.5%) | 8 (72.7%) | 103 (55.1%) |
| Year 12 | 97 (74.0%) | 25 (49.0%) | 4 (44.4%) | 126 (66.0%) |
| Not in school | 49 (81.7%) | 16 (61.5%) | 7 (77.8%) | 72 (75.8%) |
| Total | 280 (61.8%) | 77 (42.3%) | 22 (43.1%) | 379 (55.2%) |
| Anal sex | | | | |
| Year 9 | 3 (5.9%) | 1 (4.8%) | 2 (15.4%) | 6 (7.1%) |
| Year 10 | 8 (9.3%) | 4 (12.5%) | 0 | 12 (9.4%) |
| Year 11 | 14 (11.4%) | 5 (9.4%) | 3 (25.0%) | 22 (11.7%) |
| Year 12 | 21 (16.0%) | 8 (15.7%) | 0 | 29 (15.2%) |
| Not in school | 17 (27.9%) | 4 (15.4%) | 1 (11.1%) | 22 (22.9%) |
| Total | 63 (13.9%) | 22 (12.0%) | 6 (11.5%) | 91 (13.2%) |
| Vaginal sex | | | | |
| Year 9 | 18 (34.6%) | 3 (14.3%) | 4 (30.8%) | 25 (29.1%) |
| Year 10 | 45 (52.3%) | 10 (31.2%) | 2 (22.2%) | 57 (44.9%) |
| Year 11 | 73 (59.3%) | 20 (38.5%) | 8 (72.7%) | 101 (54.3%) |
| Year 12 | 100 (75.8%) | 22 (42.3%) | 5 (55.6%) | 127 (65.8%) |
| Not in school | 52 (85.2%) | 14 (53.8%) | 7 (77.8%) | 73 (76.0%) |
| Total | 288 (63.2%) | 69 (37.7%) | 26 (51.0%) | 383 (55.5%) |

Sexually active young people (defined as those who had ever engaged in oral, anal and/or vaginal sex)

Table S11. Young people who have ever had sexual intercourse (oral, anal and/or vaginal) by year level and gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Year 9 | 23 (44.2%) | 5 (23.8%) | 6 (46.2%) | 34 (39.5%) |
| Year 10 | 53 (61.6%) | 13 (40.6%) | 2 (22.2%) | 68 (53.5%) |
| Year 11 | 83 (67.5%) | 25 (47.2%) | 10 (83.3%) | 118 (62.8%) |
| Year 12 | 109 (82.6%) | 30 (56.6%) | 5 (55.6%) | 144 (74.2%) |
| Not in school | 55 (90.2%) | 16 (61.5%) | 8 (88.9%) | 79 (82.3%) |
| Total | 323 (70.8%) | 89 (48.1%) | 31 (59.6%) | 443 (63.9%) |

Table S12. Gender of sexual partners for heterosexual and LGBTQ young people by gender.

| | Heterosexual ¹ | | LGBTQ | | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Female n = 181 n(%) | Male n = 55 n(%) | Female n = 106 n(%) | Male n = 19 n(%) | |
| Women | 2 (1.1%) | 54 (98.2%) | 29 (27.4%) | 10 (52.6%) | 17 (60.7%) |
| Men | 181 (100.0%) | 2 (3.6%) | 101 (95.3%) | 10 (52.6%) | 22 (78.6%) |
| Non-binary | 0 | 0 | 4 (3.8%) | 4 (21.1%) | 10 (35.7%) |
| Unsure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

¹ There were no non-binary young people who identified as heterosexual in this sample

Table S13. Number of times sexually active young people have had sexual intercourse (oral, anal and/or vaginal) and number of sexual partners by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frequency of vaginal and/or anal sex | | | | |
| Once | 18 (6.3%) | 7 (9.6%) | 7 (25.9%) | 32 (8.3%) |
| Twice | 13 (4.6%) | 9 (12.3%) | 3 (11.1%) | 25 (6.5%) |
| Three+ | 253 (89.1%) | 57 (78.1%) | 17 (63.0%) | 327 (85.2%) |
| Number of oral sex partners | | | | |
| 1 person | 116 (42.6%) | 22 (32.8%) | 10 (43.5%) | 148 (40.9%) |
| 2 people | 55 (20.2%) | 15 (22.4%) | 5 (21.7%) | 75 (20.7%) |
| 3+ people | 101 (37.1%) | 30 (44.8%) | 8 (34.8%) | 139 (38.4%) |
| Number of anal sex partners | | | | |
| 1 person | 55 (88.7%) | 14 (63.6%) | 6 (100.0%) | 75 (83.3%) |
| 2 people | 7 (11.3%) | 4 (18.2%) | 0 | 11 (12.2%) |
| 3+ people | 0 | 4 (18.2%) | 0 | 4 (4.4%) |
| Number of vaginal sex partners | | | | |
| 1 person | 136 (47.9%) | 33 (48.5%) | 14 (53.8%) | 183 (48.4%) |
| 2 people | 55 (19.4%) | 9 (13.2%) | 4 (15.4%) | 68 (18.0%) |
| 3+ people | 93 (32.7%) | 26 (38.2%) | 8 (30.8%) | 127 (33.6%) |

Table S14. Reported pregnancies by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pregnancy | 16 (5.8%) | 3 (4.3%) | 2 (8.3%) | 21 (5.7%) |
| Planned pregnancy | 1 (6.2%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (4.8%) |

Table S15. Frequency of condom use by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Never | 34 (16.0%) | 5 (8.9%) | 2 (10.0%) | 41 (14.2%) |
| Rarely | 42 (19.7%) | 5 (8.9%) | 4 (20.0%) | 51 (17.6%) |
| Sometimes | 28 (13.1%) | 10 (17.9%) | 2 (10.0%) | 40 (13.8%) |
| Often | 46 (21.6%) | 10 (17.9%) | 2 (10.0%) | 58 (20.1%) |
| Always | 63 (29.6%) | 26 (46.4%) | 10 (50.0%) | 99 (34.3%) |

First sexual experience

Table S16. Contraception and protection against STIs at first vaginal or anal sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n(%) | Male n(%) | Non-binary n(%) | Total n(%) |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Contraception during first vaginal sex (n = 383) | | | | |
| Condom | 222 (77.1%) | 56 (81.2%) | 18 (69.2%) | 296 (77.3%) |
| The pill | 151 (52.4%) | 34 (49.3%) | 9 (34.6%) | 194 (50.7%) |
| IUD | 11 (3.8%) | 2 (2.9%) | 2 (7.7%) | 15 (3.9%) |
| Implant | 48 (16.7%) | 11 (15.9%) | 4 (15.4%) | 63 (16.4%) |
| The shot | 4 (1.4%) | 1 (1.4%) | 0 | 5 (1.3%) |
| Patch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ring | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Emergency contraception | 49 (17.0%) | 2 (2.9%) | 2 (7.7%) | 53 (13.8%) |
| Withdrawal | 115 (39.9%) | 19 (27.5%) | 5 (19.2%) | 139 (36.3%) |
| Rhythm method | 35 (12.2%) | 6 (8.7%) | 2 (7.7%) | 43 (11.2%) |
| No precautions by me, not sure about partner | 1 (0.3%) | 0 | 2 (7.7%) | 3 (0.8%) |
| None | 17 (5.9%) | 6 (8.7%) | 2 (7.7%) | 25 (6.5%) |
| STI precautions during first anal sex (n = 90) | | | | |
| Condom | 40 (63.5%) | 14 (63.6%) | 4 (80.0%) | 58 (64.4%) |
| Withdrawal | 17 (27.0%) | 7 (31.8%) | 1 (20.0%) | 25 (27.8%) |
| I took PrEP or PEP | 0 | 2 (9.1%) | 0 | 2 (2.2%) |
| My partner took PrEP or PEP | 0 | 2 (9.1%) | 0 | 2 (2.2%) |
| No precautions by me, not sure about partner | 4 (6.3%) | 0 | 0 | 4 (4.4%) |
| None | 11 (17.5%) | 6 (27.3%) | 1 (20.0%) | 18 (20.0%) |
| Not sure | 1 (1.6%) | 1 (4.5%) | 0 | 2 (2.2%) |

Table S17. Young people's responses to whether their first oral, vaginal or anal sexual experience was planned by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Planned | 130 (45.3%) | 30 (40.5%) | 7 (25.0%) | 167 (42.9%) |
| Unexpected | 138 (48.1%) | 40 (54.1%) | 19 (67.9%) | 197 (50.6%) |
| Not sure | 19 (6.6%) | 4 (5.4%) | 2 (7.1%) | 25 (6.4%) |

Most recent sexual experience

Table S18. Sexual behaviours at most recent sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n = 323 n(%) | Male n = 89 n(%) | Non-binary n = 31 n(%) | Total N = 443 n(%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Deep kissing | 305 (94.4%) | 72 (80.9%) | 28 (90.3%) | 405 (91.4%) |
| Touching partner's genitals | 277 (85.8%) | 79 (88.8%) | 26 (83.9%) | 382 (86.2%) |
| Being touched on the genitals | 280 (86.7%) | 81 (91.0%) | 26 (83.9%) | 387 (87.4%) |
| Giving oral sex | 208 (64.4%) | 51 (57.3%) | 15 (48.4%) | 274 (61.9%) |
| Receiving oral sex | 169 (52.3%) | 57 (64.0%) | 9 (29.0%) | 235 (53.0%) |
| Anal sex | 7 (2.2%) | 7 (7.9%) | 3 (9.7%) | 17 (3.8%) |
| Vaginal sex | 273 (84.5%) | 64 (71.9%) | 20 (64.5%) | 357 (80.6%) |

Table S19. Most recent sexual partner characteristics by gender.

| | Female n = 323 n(%) | Male n = 89 n(%) | Non-binary n = 31 n(%) | Total N = 443 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gender of last sexual partner | | | | |
| Woman or female | 14 (4.3%) | 75 (85.2%) | 7 (23.3%) | 96 (21.8%) |
| Man or male | 308 (95.7%) | 13 (14.8%) | 21 (70.0%) | 342 (77.7%) |
| Non-binary | 0 | 0 | 2 (6.7%) | 2 (0.5%) |
| They use a different term | 0 | 1 (1.1%) | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| Relationship at last sex | | | | |
| It was someone I didn't know | 3 (0.9%) | 2 (2.3%) | 0 | 5 (1.1%) |
| We had recently met | 26 (8.1%) | 11 (12.5%) | 3 (10.0%) | 40 (9.1%) |
| We had known each other for a while, but were not in a steady relationship | 54 (16.8%) | 22 (25.0%) | 3 (10.0%) | 79 (18.0%) |
| We used to be in a steady relationship, but were not at that time | 20 (6.2%) | 5 (5.7%) | 1 (3.3%) | 26 (5.9%) |
| We were in a steady relationship | 189 (58.7%) | 40 (45.5%) | 20 (66.7%) | 249 (56.6%) |
| Something else | 27 (8.4%) | 7 (8.0%) | 3 (10.0%) | 37 (8.4%) |
| Not sure | 3 (0.9%) | 1 (1.1%) | 0 | 4 (0.9%) |

Table S20. Willingness, pleasure and want at most recent sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n = 323 n(%) | Male n = 89 n(%) | Non-binary n = 31 n(%) | Total N = 443 n(%) |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Willingness at last sex | | | | |
| Both equally willing | 257 (80.6%) | 73 (83.0%) | 23 (76.7%) | 353 (80.8%) |
| I was more willing | 4 (1.3%) | 5 (5.7%) | 0 | 9 (2.1%) |
| My partner was more willing | 58 (18.2%) | 10 (11.4%) | 7 (23.3%) | 75 (17.2%) |
| Sexual pleasure at last sex | | | | |
| Extremely pleasurable | 90 (28.2%) | 27 (30.7%) | 10 (32.3%) | 127 (29.0%) |
| Quite a bit pleasurable | 98 (30.7%) | 36 (40.9%) | 11 (35.5%) | 145 (33.1%) |
| Moderately pleasurable | 57 (17.9%) | 13 (14.8%) | 2 (6.5%) | 72 (16.4%) |
| Slightly pleasurable | 36 (11.3%) | 9 (10.2%) | 2 (6.5%) | 47 (10.7%) |
| Not at all pleasurable | 33 (10.3%) | 2 (2.3%) | 6 (19.4%) | 41 (9.4%) |
| Not sure | 5 (1.6%) | 1 (1.1%) | 0 | 6 (1.4%) |
| Did you want the sexual experience at last sex | | | | |
| Very much | 181 (56.9%) | 59 (66.3%) | 17 (54.8%) | 257 (58.7%) |
| Moderately | 85 (26.7%) | 20 (22.5%) | 5 (16.1%) | 110 (25.1%) |
| A little bit | 31 (9.7%) | 8 (9.0%) | 1 (3.2%) | 40 (9.1%) |
| I didn't want to but agreed anyway | 13 (4.1%) | 2 (2.2%) | 3 (9.7%) | 18 (4.1%) |
| I was forced or coerced | 8 (2.5%) | 0 | 5 (16.1%) | 13 (3.0%) |

Table S21. Age of young people's most recent sexual partner characteristics by year level and gender.

| | Female n(%) | Male n(%) | Non-binary n(%) | Total n(%) |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Year 9 | | | | |
| Under 16 | 15 (68.2%) | 3 (60.0%) | 4 (80.0%) | 22 (68.8%) |
| 16-17 | 5 (22.7%) | 2 (40.0%) | 1 (20.0%) | 8 (25.0%) |
| 18-19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20-24 | 1 (4.5%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (3.1%) |
| 25-29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not sure | 1 (4.5%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (3.1%) |
| Year 10 | | | | |
| Under 16 | 22 (43.1%) | 8 (66.7%) | 1 (50.0%) | 31 (47.7%) |
| 16-17 | 26 (51.0%) | 2 (16.7%) | 1 (50.0%) | 29 (44.6%) |
| 18-19 | 3 (5.9%) | 0 | 0 | 3 (4.6%) |
| 20-24 | 0 | 1 (8.3%) | 0 | 1 (1.5%) |
| 25-29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not sure | 0 | 1 (8.3%) | 0 | 1 (1.5%) |
| Year 11 | | | | |
| Under 16 | 8 (9.6%) | 7 (28.0%) | 1 (10.0%) | 16 (13.6%) |
| 16-17 | 62 (74.7%) | 17 (68.0%) | 9 (90.0%) | 88 (74.6%) |
| 18-19 | 13 (15.7%) | 1 (4.0%) | 0 | 14 (11.9%) |
| 20-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25-29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not sure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Year 12 | | | | |
| Under 16 | 1 (0.9%) | 1 (3.6%) | 0 | 2 (1.4%) |
| 16-17 | 55 (51.4%) | 23 (82.1%) | 4 (80.0%) | 82 (58.6%) |
| 18-19 | 43 (40.2%) | 3 (10.7%) | 1 (20.0%) | 47 (33.6%) |
| 20-24 | 7 (6.5%) | 1 (3.6%) | 0 | 8 (5.7%) |
| 25-29 | 1 (0.9%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.7%) |
| 30+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not sure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not in school | | | | |
| Under 16 | 2 (3.6%) | 0 | 0 | 2 (2.6%) |
| 16-17 | 19 (34.5%) | 5 (33.3%) | 2 (25.0%) | 26 (33.3%) |
| 18-19 | 23 (41.8%) | 10 (66.7%) | 3 (37.5%) | 36 (46.2%) |
| 20-24 | 9 (16.4%) | 0 | 2 (25.0%) | 11 (14.1%) |
| 25-29 | 2 (3.6%) | 0 | 1 (12.5%) | 3 (3.8%) |
| 30+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not sure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table S22. Topics discussed at most recent sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n = 323 n(%) | Male n = 89 n(%) | Non-binary n = 31 n(%) | Total N = 443 n(%) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Avoiding pregnancy | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 117 (40.5%) | 31 (42.5%) | 10 (50.0%) | 158 (41.4%) |
| A little/somewhat | 71 (24.6%) | 18 (24.7%) | 5 (25.0%) | 94 (24.6%) |
| Not at all | 101 (34.9%) | 24 (32.9%) | 5 (25.0%) | 130 (34.0%) |
| Avoiding HIV and STIs | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 71 (24.6%) | 21 (28.4%) | 6 (26.1%) | 98 (25.4%) |
| A little/somewhat | 44 (15.2%) | 12 (16.2%) | 3 (13.0%) | 59 (15.3%) |
| Not at all | 174 (60.2%) | 41 (55.4%) | 14 (60.9%) | 229 (59.3%) |
| Sexual pleasure | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 130 (42.9%) | 44 (53.7%) | 14 (50.0%) | 188 (45.5%) |
| A little/somewhat | 104 (34.3%) | 24 (29.3%) | 8 (28.6%) | 136 (32.9%) |
| Not at all | 69 (22.8%) | 14 (17.1%) | 6 (21.4%) | 89 (21.5%) |
| Likes | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 140 (46.2%) | 43 (51.8%) | 15 (50.0%) | 198 (47.6%) |
| A little/somewhat | 100 (33.0%) | 30 (36.1%) | 10 (33.3%) | 140 (33.7%) |
| Not at all | 63 (20.8%) | 10 (12.0%) | 5 (16.7%) | 78 (18.8%) |
| Using a condom | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 117 (39.0%) | 36 (42.4%) | 9 (39.1%) | 162 (39.7%) |
| A little/somewhat | 59 (19.7%) | 19 (22.4%) | 5 (21.7%) | 83 (20.3%) |
| Not at all | 124 (41.3%) | 30 (35.3%) | 9 (39.1%) | 163 (40.0%) |
| Having sex | | | | |
| A great / moderate amount | 182 (58.9%) | 50 (58.1%) | 15 (51.7%) | 247 (58.3%) |
| A little/somewhat | 102 (33.0%) | 31 (36.0%) | 10 (34.5%) | 143 (33.7%) |
| Not at all | 25 (8.1%) | 5 (5.8%) | 4 (13.8%) | 34 (8.0%) |

Condom and protection against STIs and pregnancy at most recent sexual experience.

Table S23. Condom availability and use at last sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non-binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Condom available at last sex | 204 (74.2%) | 50 (69.4%) | 19 (76.0%) | 273 (73.4%) |
| Condom used at last sex | 119 (41.8%) | 39 (54.2%) | 10 (37.0%) | 168 (43.8%) |

Table S24. Reasons for not using a condom at most recent sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n = 166 n(%) | Male n = 33 n(%) | Non-binary n = 17 n(%) | Total N = 216 n(%) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Other contraception used | 92 (55.4%) | 15 (45.5%) | 6 (35.5%) | 113 (52.3%) |
| We're not worried about STIs | 51 (30.7%) | 11 (33.3%) | 4 (23.5%) | 66 (30.6%) |
| I don't like condoms | 34 (20.5%) | 6 (18.2%) | 1 (5.9%) | 41 (19.0%) |
| My partner doesn't like condoms | 41 (24.7%) | 6 (18.2%) | 0 | 47 (21.8%) |
| I trust my partner | 57 (34.3%) | 13 (39.4%) | 4 (23.5%) | 74 (34.3%) |
| It just happened | 40 (24.1%) | 9 (27.3%) | 2 (11.8%) | 51 (23.6%) |
| I know my partner's sexual history | 59 (35.5%) | 13 (39.4%) | 5 (29.4%) | 77 (35.6%) |
| We're not at risk of pregnancy | 51 (30.7%) | 14 (42.4%) | 10 (58.8%) | 75 (34.7%) |
| Forgot | 28 (16.9%) | 4 (12.1%) | 1 (5.9%) | 33 (15.3%) |
| None available | 11 (6.6%) | 8 (24.2%) | 0 | 19 (8.8%) |
| One of us wanted to but the other didn't | 11 (6.6%) | 0 | 0 | 11 (5.1%) |
| Not my responsibility | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table S25. Contraception and protection against STIs at most recent vaginal or anal sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n(%) | Male n(%) | Non-binary n(%) | Total n(%) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Contraception during most recent vaginal sex (n = 344) | | | | |
| Condom | 114 (42.9%) | 36 (59.0%) | 6 (35.3%) | 156 (45.3%) |
| The pill | 112 (42.1%) | 21 (34.4%) | 6 (35.3%) | 139 (40.4%) |
| IUD | 9 (3.4%) | 1 (1.6%) | 2 (11.8%) | 12 (3.5%) |
| Implant | 40 (15.0%) | 9 (14.8%) | 5 (29.4%) | 54 (15.7%) |
| The shot | 0 | 1 (1.6%) | 0 | 1 (0.3%) |
| Patch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ring | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Emergency contraception | 9 (3.4%) | 1 (1.6%) | 0 | 10 (2.9%) |
| Withdrawal | 60 (22.6%) | 6 (9.8%) | 2 (11.8%) | 68 (19.8%) |
| Rhythm method | 11 (4.1%) | 1 (1.6%) | 0 | 12 (3.5%) |
| No precautions by me, not sure about partner | 4 (1.5%) | 0 | 0 | 4 (1.2%) |
| None | 26 (9.8%) | 4 (6.6%) | 1 (5.9%) | 31 (9.0%) |
| STI precautions during most recent anal sex (n = 81) | | | | |
| Condom | 22 (37.3%) | 8 (47.1%) | 4 (80.0%) | 34 (42.0%) |
| Withdrawal | 8 (13.6%) | 2 (11.8%) | 0 | 10 (12.3%) |
| I took PrEP or PEP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| My partner took PrEP or PEP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No precautions by me, not sure about partner | 3 (5.1%) | 0 | 0 | 3 (3.7%) |
| None | 23 (39.0%) | 9 (52.9%) | 1 (20.0%) | 33 (40.7%) |
| Not sure | 2 (3.4%) | 2 (11.8%) | 0 | 4 (4.9%) |

Table S26. Feelings about young people's last sexual experience by gender.

| | Female n(%) | Male n(%) | Non-binary n(%) | Total n(%) |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Excited at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 20 (6.2%) | 1 (1.1%) | 6 (19.4%) | 27 (6.1%) |
| A little | 41 (12.8%) | 9 (10.1%) | 5 (16.1%) | 55 (12.5%) |
| A fair amount | 77 (24.1%) | 18 (20.2%) | 7 (22.6%) | 102 (23.2%) |
| A lot | 91 (28.4%) | 31 (34.8%) | 7 (22.6%) | 129 (29.3%) |
| Extremely | 91 (28.4%) | 30 (33.7%) | 6 (19.4%) | 127 (28.9%) |
| Happy at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 17 (5.3%) | 2 (2.2%) | 6 (19.4%) | 25 (5.7%) |
| A little | 45 (14.1%) | 13 (14.6%) | 4 (12.9%) | 62 (14.1%) |
| A fair amount | 66 (20.6%) | 20 (22.5%) | 4 (12.9%) | 90 (20.5%) |
| A lot | 90 (28.1%) | 29 (32.6%) | 8 (25.8%) | 127 (28.9%) |
| Extremely | 102 (31.9%) | 25 (28.1%) | 9 (29.0%) | 136 (30.9%) |
| Satisfied at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 40 (12.4%) | 4 (4.5%) | 7 (22.6%) | 51 (11.5%) |
| A little | 47 (14.6%) | 15 (16.9%) | 3 (9.7%) | 65 (14.7%) |
| A fair amount | 80 (24.8%) | 19 (21.3%) | 8 (25.8%) | 107 (24.2%) |
| A lot | 81 (25.2%) | 35 (39.3%) | 7 (22.6%) | 123 (27.8%) |
| Extremely | 74 (23.0%) | 16 (18.0%) | 6 (19.4%) | 96 (21.7%) |
| Fantastic at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 55 (17.2%) | 7 (7.9%) | 8 (26.7%) | 70 (16.0%) |
| A little | 50 (15.7%) | 13 (14.6%) | 2 (6.7%) | 65 (14.8%) |
| A fair amount | 84 (26.3%) | 27 (30.3%) | 8 (26.7%) | 119 (27.2%) |
| A lot | 63 (19.7%) | 21 (23.6%) | 5 (16.7%) | 89 (20.3%) |
| Extremely | 67 (21.0%) | 21 (23.6%) | 7 (23.3%) | 95 (21.7%) |
| Guilty at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 194 (60.1%) | 50 (56.2%) | 13 (44.8%) | 257 (58.3%) |
| A little | 66 (20.4%) | 23 (25.8%) | 6 (20.7%) | 95 (21.5%) |
| A fair amount | 23 (7.1%) | 10 (11.2%) | 4 (13.8%) | 37 (8.4%) |
| A lot | 16 (5.0%) | 2 (2.2%) | 3 (10.3%) | 21 (4.8%) |
| Extremely | 24 (7.4%) | 4 (4.5%) | 3 (10.3%) | 31 (7.0%) |
| Sorry at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 239 (74.5%) | 60 (67.4%) | 18 (58.1%) | 317 (71.9%) |
| A little | 39 (12.1%) | 20 (22.5%) | 9 (29.0%) | 68 (15.4%) |
| A fair amount | 15 (4.7%) | 6 (6.7%) | 1 (3.2%) | 22 (5.0%) |
| A lot | 13 (4.0%) | 2 (2.2%) | 1 (3.2%) | 16 (3.6%) |
| Extremely | 15 (4.7%) | 1 (1.1%) | 2 (6.5%) | 18 (4.1%) |
| Regret at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 201 (63.0%) | 51 (57.3%) | 20 (64.5%) | 272 (62.0%) |
| A little | 61 (19.1%) | 22 (24.7%) | 4 (12.9%) | 87 (19.8%) |
| A fair amount | 25 (7.8%) | 12 (13.5%) | 2 (6.5%) | 39 (8.9%) |
| A lot | 13 (4.1%) | 1 (1.1%) | 1 (3.2%) | 15 (3.4%) |
| Extremely | 19 (6.0%) | 3 (3.4%) | 4 (12.9%) | 26 (5.9%) |
| Stressed at last sex | | | | |
| Not at all | 159 (49.7%) | 54 (60.7%) | 13 (41.9%) | 226 (51.4%) |
| A little | 91 (28.4%) | 24 (27.0%) | 10 (32.3%) | 125 (28.4%) |
| A fair amount | 33 (10.3%) | 4 (4.5%) | 3 (9.7%) | 40 (9.1%) |
| A lot | 20 (6.2%) | 5 (5.6%) | 2 (6.5%) | 27 (6.1%) |
| Extremely | 17 (5.3%) | 2 (2.2%) | 3 (9.7%) | 22 (5.0%) |

Unwanted sex

Table S27. Young people' who were frightened of their intimate partner in the past 12 months and reports of unwanted sex by gender.

| | Female n = 289 n(%) | Male n = 74 n(%) | Non- binary n = 28 n(%) | Total N = 391 n(%) |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frightened of intimate partner in past 12 months | 87 (27.2%) | 11 (12.8%) | 13 (41.9%) | 111 (25.4%) |
| Unwanted sex | 151 (47.3%) | 27 (31.0%) | 20 (64.5%) | 198 (45.3%) |

Table S28. Information about young people's experiences of unwanted sex by gender.

| | Female n = 151 n(%) | Male n = 27 n(%) | Non-binary n = 20 n(%) | Total N = 198 n(%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frequency of unwanted sex | | | | |
| Once | 39 (26.2%) | 13 (50.0%) | 3 (17.6%) | 55 (28.8%) |
| Twice | 25 (16.9%) | 10 (38.5%) | 3 (17.6%) | 38 (19.9%) |
| Three + | 84 (56.8%) | 3 (11.5%) | 11 (64.7%) | 98 (51.3%) |
| Age at first unwanted sex | | | | |
| Less than 14 | 24 (15.9%) | 3 (11.1%) | 8 (42.1%) | 35 (17.8%) |
| 14 | 23 (15.2%) | 7 (25.9%) | 5 (26.3%) | 35 (17.8%) |
| 15 | 48 (31.8%) | 3 (11.1%) | 3 (15.8%) | 54 (27.4%) |
| 16 | 36 (23.8%) | 5 (18.5%) | 3 (15.8%) | 44 (22.3%) |
| 17 | 17 (11.3%) | 7 (25.9%) | 0 | 24 (12.2%) |
| 18 | 1 (0.7%) | 2 (7.4%) | 0 | 3 (1.5%) |
| Not sure | 2 (1.3%) | 0 | 0 | 2 (1.0%) |
| Relationship at first unwanted sex | | | | |
| Someone known to you as a family member or friend | 31 (20.8%) | 8 (29.6%) | 6 (31.6%) | 45 (23.1%) |
| Someone known to you but not as a family member or friend | 11 (7.4%) | 3 (11.1%) | 1 (5.3%) | 15 (7.7%) |
| Someone you didn't know | 5 (3.4%) | 0 | 0 | 5 (2.6%) |
| Someone you were, or had been, in a relationship with | 102 (68.5%) | 16 (59.3%) | 12 (63.2%) | 130 (66.7%) |
| Gender of partner at last unwanted sex | | | | |
| Female | 6 (4.0%) | 17 (65.4%) | 0 | 23 (11.8%) |
| Male | 143 (96.0%) | 8 (30.8%) | 17 (85.0%) | 168 (86.2%) |
| Non-binary | 0 | 1 (3.8%) | 3 (15.0%) | 4 (2.1%) |
| Sought help/talked about unwanted sex | 24 (16.0%) | 6 (22.2%) | 9 (45.0%) | 39 (19.8%) |

Table S29. Young people's reasons for experiencing unwanted sex by gender.

| | Female n = 151 n(%) | Male n = 27 n(%) | Non-binary n = 20 n(%) | Total N = 198 n(%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Verbal pressure | 91 (60.7%) | 15 (55.6%) | 13 (65.0%) | 119 (60.4%) |
| Physically forced | 46 (30.7%) | 6 (22.2%) | 12 (60.0%) | 64 (32.5%) |
| Worry about negative outcomes | 55 (36.7%) | 9 (33.3%) | 11 (55.0%) | 75 (38.1%) |
| Drunk or high | 46 (30.7%) | 7 (25.9%) | 8 (40.0%) | 61 (31.0%) |

Not yet sexually active young people

Table S30. Young people's endorsement for common reasons for not having sex by gender.

| | Female n = 167 n(%) | Male n = 110 n(%) | Non-binary n = 24 n(%) | Total N = 301 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I do not feel ready to have sex | | | | |
| Disagree | 26 (19.7%) | 43 (44.8%) | 5 (23.8%) | 74 (29.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 49 (37.1%) | 24 (25.0%) | 5 (23.8%) | 78 (31.3%) |
| Agree | 54 (40.9%) | 26 (27.1%) | 9 (42.9%) | 89 (35.7%) |
| My most recent (or current) partner is not willing to have sex yet | | | | |
| Disagree | 28 (22.0%) | 10 (10.8%) | 3 (15.0%) | 41 (17.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 17 (13.4%) | 8 (8.6%) | 3 (15.0%) | 28 (11.7%) |
| Agree | 15 (11.8%) | 24 (25.8%) | 4 (20.0%) | 43 (17.9%) |
| I am proud that I can say no to sex and mean it | | | | |
| Disagree | 6 (4.5%) | 10 (10.5%) | 0 | 16 (6.5%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 13 (9.8%) | 13 (13.7%) | 3 (14.3%) | 29 (11.7%) |
| Agree | 102 (77.3%) | 65 (68.4%) | 14 (66.7%) | 181 (73.0%) |
| It is against my religious or cultural beliefs to have sex before marriage | | | | |
| Disagree | 77 (58.8%) | 55 (57.9%) | 16 (76.2%) | 148 (59.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 8 (6.1%) | 7 (7.4%) | 1 (4.8%) | 16 (6.5%) |
| Agree | 16 (12.2%) | 9 (9.5%) | 1 (4.8%) | 26 (10.5%) |
| Not applicable | 30 (22.9%) | 24 (25.3%) | 3 (14.3%) | 57 (23.1%) |
| I fear my parents will disapprove of me if I have sex | | | | |
| Disagree | 38 (29.2%) | 52 (54.2%) | 8 (38.1%) | 98 (39.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 24 (18.5%) | 12 (12.5%) | 4 (19.0%) | 40 (16.2%) |
| Agree | 65 (50.0%) | 29 (30.2%) | 7 (33.3%) | 101 (40.9%) |
| I'm afraid I or my partner will get pregnant | | | | |
| Disagree | 41 (31.3%) | 23 (24.2%) | 10 (47.6%) | 74 (30.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 13 (9.9%) | 14 (14.7%) | 1 (4.8%) | 28 (11.3%) |
| Agree | 58 (44.3%) | 32 (33.7%) | 3 (14.3%) | 93 (37.7%) |
| I'm afraid having sex will damage my reputation | | | | |
| Disagree | 59 (44.4%) | 53 (55.2%) | 12 (57.1%) | 124 (49.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 27 (20.3%) | 20 (20.8%) | 3 (14.3%) | 50 (20.0%) |
| Agree | 43 (32.3%) | 16 (16.7%) | 4 (19.0%) | 63 (25.2%) |
| I have not met a person I want to have sex with yet | | | | |
| Disagree | 41 (30.8%) | 41 (42.7%) | 6 (28.6%) | 88 (35.2%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 13 (9.8%) | 13 (13.5%) | 2 (9.5%) | 28 (11.2%) |
| Agree | 77 (57.9%) | 41 (42.7%) | 13 (61.9%) | 131 (52.4%) |
| I worry about getting STIs or HIV | | | | |
| Disagree | 35 (26.3%) | 21 (21.9%) | 6 (28.6%) | 62 (24.8%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 23 (17.3%) | 24 (25.0%) | 4 (19.0%) | 51 (20.4%) |
| Agree | 73 (54.9%) | 44 (45.8%) | 10 (47.6%) | 127 (50.8%) |
| Not applicable | 2 (1.5%) | 7 (7.3%) | 1 (4.8%) | 10 (4.0%) |

Table S30 continued...

| | Female n = 167 n(%) | Male n = 110 n(%) | Non-binary n = 24 n(%) | Total N = 301 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I am too shy or embarrassed to initiate sex with a partner | | | | |
| Disagree | 20 (15.0%) | 19 (19.8%) | 1 (4.8%) | 40 (16.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 23 (17.3%) | 20 (20.8%) | 1 (4.8%) | 44 (17.6%) |
| Agree | 72 (54.1%) | 42 (43.8%) | 13 (61.9%) | 127 (50.8%) |
| I have not been in a relationship long enough to have sex yet | | | | |
| Disagree | 13 (9.8%) | 10 (10.4%) | 1 (4.8%) | 24 (9.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 10 (7.5%) | 13 (13.5%) | 4 (19.0%) | 27 (10.8%) |
| Agree | 92 (69.2%) | 65 (67.7%) | 13 (61.9%) | 170 (68.0%) |
| It is important for me to be in love with the person with whom I first have sex | | | | |
| Disagree | 18 (13.5%) | 12 (12.6%) | 1 (5.0%) | 31 (12.5%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 21 (15.8%) | 26 (27.4%) | 4 (20.0%) | 51 (20.6%) |
| Agree | 92 (69.2%) | 54 (56.8%) | 15 (75.0%) | 161 (64.9%) |
| I do not feel physically attractive or desirable | | | | |
| Disagree | 27 (20.5%) | 26 (27.4%) | 2 (10.0%) | 55 (22.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 23 (17.4%) | 12 (12.6%) | 4 (20.0%) | 39 (15.8%) |
| Agree | 78 (59.1%) | 55 (57.9%) | 13 (65.0%) | 146 (59.1%) |
| I have not had the opportunity to have sex | | | | |
| Disagree | 22 (16.7%) | 12 (12.5%) | 1 (4.8%) | 35 (14.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 9 (6.8%) | 6 (6.2%) | 1 (4.8%) | 16 (6.4%) |
| Agree | 96 (72.7%) | 75 (78.1%) | 16 (76.2%) | 187 (75.1%) |

Table S31. Pressure to have or not have sex for young people who were not sexually active, by gender.

| | Female n = 167 n(%) | Male n = 110 n(%) | Non-binary n = 24 n(%) | Total N = 301 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pressure from partner to have sex | | | | |
| No pressure | 47 (68.1%) | 41 (77.4%) | 11 (91.7%) | 99 (73.9%) |
| Some pressure | 16 (23.2%) | 10 (18.9%) | 1 (8.3%) | 27 (20.1%) |
| Lots of pressure | 6 (8.7%) | 2 (3.8%) | 0 | 8 (6.0%) |
| Pressure from peers to have sex | | | | |
| No pressure | 78 (59.1%) | 55 (59.1%) | 14 (66.7%) | 147 (59.8%) |
| Some pressure | 48 (36.4%) | 32 (34.4%) | 7 (33.3%) | 87 (35.4%) |
| Lots of pressure | 6 (4.5%) | 6 (6.5%) | 0 | 12 (4.9%) |
| Pressure from peers to not have sex | | | | |
| No pressure | 97 (72.9%) | 75 (78.1%) | 15 (71.4%) | 187 (74.8%) |
| Some pressure | 31 (23.3%) | 16 (16.7%) | 6 (28.6%) | 53 (21.2%) |
| Lots of pressure | 5 (3.8%) | 5 (5.2%) | 0 | 10 (4.0%) |
| Pressure from parents to not have sex | | | | |
| No pressure | 63 (47.4%) | 70 (72.9%) | 11 (55.0%) | 144 (57.8%) |
| Some pressure | 45 (33.8%) | 13 (13.5%) | 4 (20.0%) | 62 (24.9%) |
| Lots of pressure | 25 (18.8%) | 13 (13.5%) | 5 (25.0%) | 43 (17.3%) |

Table S32. Forms of contraception or precautions likely to be used at fist sexual experience for young people who were not sexually active, by gender.

| | Female n = 167 n(%) | Male n = 110 n(%) | Non-binary n = 24 n(%) | Total N = 301 n(%) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Condom | 117 (88.0%) | 89 (92.7%) | 15 (71.4%) | 221 (88.4%) |
| The pill | 85 (63.9%) | 62 (64.6%) | 13 (61.9%) | 160 (64.0%) |
| IUD | 14 (10.5%) | 14 (14.6%) | 1 (4.8%) | 29 (11.6%) |
| Implant | 21 (15.8%) | 12 (12.5%) | 2 (9.5%) | 35 (14.0%) |
| The shot | 8 (6.0%) | 7 (7.3%) | 1 (4.8%) | 16 (6.4%) |
| Patch | 8 (6.0%) | 9 (9.4%) | 1 (4.8%) | 18 (7.2%) |
| Ring | 2 (1.5%) | 5 (5.2%) | 1 (4.8%) | 8 (3.2%) |
| Withdrawal | 28 (21.1%) | 39 (40.6%) | 2 (9.5%) | 69 (27.6%) |
| Emergency contraception | 31 (23.3%) | 8 (8.3%) | 3 (14.3%) | 42 (16.8%) |
| Rhythm method | 40 (30.1%) | 24 (25.0%) | 2 (9.5%) | 66 (26.4%) |
| Unsure | 5 (3.8%) | 3 (3.1%) | 2 (9.5%) | 10 (4.0%) |
| None | 4 (3.0%) | 1 (1.0%) | 1 (4.8%) | 6 (2.4%) |

Table S33. Not yet sexually active young people's likelihood of having vaginal or anal sex in the next year by gender.

| | Female n = 167 n(%) | Male n = 110 n(%) | Non-binary n = 24 n(%) | Total N = 301 n(%) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Extremely unlikely | 33 (24.8%) | 18 (18.8%) | 8 (38.1%) | 59 (23.6%) |
| Unlikely | 31 (23.3%) | 27 (28.1%) | 5 (23.8%) | 63 (25.2%) |
| Neutral | 30 (22.6%) | 21 (21.9%) | 5 (23.8%) | 56 (22.4%) |
| Likely | 35 (26.3%) | 27 (28.1%) | 3 (14.3%) | 65 (26.0%) |
| Extremely likely | 4 (3.0%) | 3 (3.1%) | 0 | 7 (2.8%) |

Informal education

Table S34. Confidence talking about sex, STIs, protection during sex with various sources.

| | Female n = 423 n(%) | Male n = 176 n(%) | Non-binary n = 51 n(%) | Total N = 650 n(%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Confidence talking to GP about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 172 (40.7%) | 55 (31.2%) | 24 (47.1%) | 251 (38.6%) |
| Somewhat | 76 (18.0%) | 29 (16.5%) | 6 (11.8%) | 111 (17.1%) |
| Moderate/high | 175 (41.4%) | 92 (52.3%) | 21 (41.2%) | 288 (44.3%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 119 (28.7%) | 51 (29.7%) | 16 (32.0%) | 186 (29.2%) |
| Somewhat | 57 (13.8%) | 25 (14.5%) | 9 (18.0%) | 91 (14.3%) |
| Moderate/high | 238 (57.5%) | 96 (55.8%) | 25 (50.0%) | 359 (56.4%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 172 (42.5%) | 59 (34.1%) | 22 (44.0%) | 253 (40.3%) |
| Somewhat | 71 (17.5%) | 29 (16.8%) | 6 (12.0%) | 106 (16.9%) |
| Moderate/high | 162 (40.0%) | 85 (49.1%) | 22 (44.0%) | 269 (42.8%) |
| Confidence talking to mother about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 265 (62.8%) | 109 (61.9%) | 33 (64.7%) | 407 (62.7%) |
| Somewhat | 63 (14.9%) | 30 (17.0%) | 4 (7.8%) | 97 (14.9%) |
| Moderate/high | 94 (22.3%) | 37 (21.0%) | 14 (27.5%) | 145 (22.3%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 206 (49.9%) | 101 (58.7%) | 33 (64.7%) | 340 (53.5%) |
| Somewhat | 59 (14.3%) | 26 (15.1%) | 5 (9.8%) | 90 (14.2%) |
| Moderate/high | 148 (35.8%) | 45 (26.2%) | 13 (25.5%) | 206 (32.4%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 268 (66.3%) | 117 (67.6%) | 29 (58.0%) | 414 (66.0%) |
| Somewhat | 53 (13.1%) | 21 (12.1%) | 6 (12.0%) | 80 (12.8%) |
| Moderate/high | 83 (20.5%) | 35 (20.2%) | 15 (30.0%) | 133 (21.2%) |
| Confidence talking to father about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 386 (91.3%) | 123 (69.9%) | 49 (96.1%) | 558 (85.8%) |
| Somewhat | 23 (5.4%) | 22 (12.5%) | 1 (2.0%) | 46 (7.1%) |
| Moderate/high | 14 (3.3%) | 31 (17.6%) | 1 (2.0%) | 46 (7.1%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 351 (85.2%) | 107 (62.2%) | 47 (92.2%) | 505 (79.5%) |
| Somewhat | 34 (8.3%) | 26 (15.1%) | 2 (3.9%) | 62 (9.8%) |
| Moderate/high | 27 (6.6%) | 39 (22.7%) | 2 (3.9%) | 68 (10.7%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 359 (88.6%) | 115 (66.5%) | 45 (90.0%) | 519 (82.6%) |
| Somewhat | 24 (5.9%) | 24 (13.9%) | 2 (4.0%) | 50 (8.0%) |
| Moderate/high | 22 (5.4%) | 34 (19.7%) | 3 (6.0%) | 59 (9.4%) |

Low = Not at all to slightly confident, Somewhat = Somewhat, Moderate/high = Moderately or extremely confident

Table S34 continued...

| | Female n = 423 n(%) | Male n = 176 n(%) | Non-binary n = 51 n(%) | Total N = 650 n(%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Confidence talking to a male friend about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 216 (51.1%) | 55 (31.2%) | 31 (60.8%) | 302 (46.5%) |
| Somewhat | 87 (20.6%) | 28 (15.9%) | 9 (17.6%) | 124 (19.1%) |
| Moderate/high | 120 (28.4%) | 93 (52.8%) | 11 (21.6%) | 224 (34.5%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 190 (46.3%) | 40 (23.3%) | 30 (58.8%) | 260 (41.1%) |
| Somewhat | 68 (16.6%) | 30 (17.4%) | 6 (11.8%) | 104 (16.4%) |
| Moderate/high | 152 (37.1%) | 102 (59.3%) | 15 (29.4%) | 269 (42.5%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 190 (46.9%) | 36 (20.9%) | 25 (50.0%) | 251 (40.0%) |
| Somewhat | 72 (17.8%) | 26 (15.1%) | 13 (26.0%) | 111 (17.7%) |
| Moderate/high | 143 (35.3%) | 110 (64.0%) | 12 (24.0%) | 265 (42.3%) |
| Confidence talking to a female friend about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 44 (10.4%) | 72 (40.7%) | 10 (20.0%) | 126 (19.4%) |
| Somewhat | 59 (14.0%) | 26 (14.7%) | 8 (16.0%) | 93 (14.3%) |
| Moderate/high | 319 (75.6%) | 79 (44.6%) | 32 (64.0%) | 430 (66.3%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 40 (9.7%) | 57 (33.1%) | 10 (19.6%) | 107 (16.9%) |
| Somewhat | 43 (10.5%) | 31 (18.0%) | 6 (11.8%) | 80 (12.6%) |
| Moderate/high | 328 (79.8%) | 84 (48.8%) | 35 (68.6%) | 447 (70.5%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 49 (12.1%) | 62 (35.8%) | 8 (16.0%) | 119 (18.9%) |
| Somewhat | 42 (10.4%) | 20 (11.6%) | 3 (6.0%) | 65 (10.4%) |
| Moderate/high | 314 (77.5%) | 91 (52.6%) | 39 (78.0%) | 444 (70.7%) |
| Confidence talking to school staff about: | | | | |
| <i>STIs</i> | | | | |
| Low | 346 (81.8%) | 140 (79.5%) | 44 (86.3%) | 530 (81.5%) |
| Somewhat | 37 (8.7%) | 19 (10.8%) | 4 (7.8%) | 60 (9.2%) |
| Moderate/high | 40 (9.5%) | 17 (9.7%) | 3 (5.9%) | 60 (9.2%) |
| <i>Contraception/protection</i> | | | | |
| Low | 298 (72.5%) | 129 (75.0%) | 39 (76.5%) | 466 (73.5%) |
| Somewhat | 50 (12.2%) | 20 (11.6%) | 7 (13.7%) | 77 (12.1%) |
| Moderate/high | 63 (15.3%) | 23 (13.4%) | 5 (9.8%) | 91 (14.4%) |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | |
| Low | 313 (77.3%) | 138 (79.8%) | 41 (83.7%) | 492 (78.5%) |
| Somewhat | 52 (12.8%) | 16 (9.2%) | 4 (8.2%) | 72 (11.5%) |
| Moderate/high | 40 (9.9%) | 19 (11.0%) | 4 (8.2%) | 63 (10.0%) |

Low = Not at all to slightly confident, Somewhat = Somewhat, Moderate/high = Moderately or extremely confident

Table S35. Sources used by young people to learn about sexual matters by gender.

| | Female n = 398 n(%) | Male n = 169 n(%) | Non-binary n = 48 n(%) | Total N = 615 n(%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GP | 173 (43.5%) | 32 (18.9%) | 17 (35.4%) | 222 (36.1%) |
| Nurse at a clinic | 26 (6.5%) | 14 (8.3%) | 5 (10.4%) | 45 (7.3%) |
| Mother | 212 (53.3%) | 59 (34.9%) | 23 (47.9%) | 294 (47.8%) |
| Father | 47 (11.8%) | 41 (24.3%) | 3 (6.2%) | 91 (14.8%) |
| Other adult | 92 (23.1%) | 33 (19.5%) | 13 (27.1%) | 138 (22.4%) |
| Female friend | 316 (79.4%) | 84 (49.7%) | 32 (66.7%) | 432 (70.2%) |
| Male friend | 163 (41.0%) | 93 (55.0%) | 19 (39.6%) | 275 (44.7%) |
| Trans or gender diverse friend | 55 (13.8%) | 24 (14.2%) | 33 (68.8%) | 112 (18.2%) |
| Sibling | 70 (17.6%) | 25 (14.8%) | 7 (14.6%) | 102 (16.6%) |
| Partner | 211 (53.0%) | 57 (33.7%) | 19 (39.6%) | 287 (46.7%) |
| School counsellor | 18 (4.5%) | 10 (5.9%) | 7 (14.6%) | 35 (5.7%) |
| School nurse | 58 (14.6%) | 12 (7.1%) | 5 (10.4%) | 75 (12.2%) |
| Teacher | 199 (50.0%) | 80 (47.3%) | 22 (45.8%) | 301 (48.9%) |
| Youth worker | 31 (7.8%) | 16 (9.5%) | 8 (16.7%) | 55 (8.9%) |
| Community health services | 39 (9.8%) | 15 (8.9%) | 5 (10.4%) | 59 (9.6%) |
| Peer educator | 88 (22.1%) | 35 (20.7%) | 12 (25.0%) | 135 (22.0%) |
| School-wide sexual health promotion | 186 (46.7%) | 73 (43.2%) | 19 (39.6%) | 278 (45.2%) |
| Lessons in school other than RSE | 193 (48.5%) | 57 (33.7%) | 14 (29.2%) | 264 (42.9%) |
| Internet websites | 231 (58.0%) | 93 (55.0%) | 33 (68.8%) | 357 (58.0%) |
| Social media | 181 (45.5%) | 63 (37.3%) | 29 (60.4%) | 273 (44.4%) |
| None | 2 (0.5%) | 5 (3.0%) | 0 | 7 (1.1%) |

Table S36. Frequency of source used by young people in the past year to learn about sexual matters by gender.

| | Female n = 398 n(%) | Male n = 169 n(%) | Non-binary n = 48 n(%) | Total N = 615 n(%) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GP | | | | |
| None | 253 (67.8%) | 148 (91.9%) | 34 (77.3%) | 435 (75.3%) |
| Low | 101 (27.1%) | 11 (6.8%) | 9 (20.5%) | 121 (20.9%) |
| Moderate | 17 (4.6%) | 1 (0.6%) | 1 (2.3%) | 19 (3.3%) |
| High | 2 (0.5%) | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 3 (0.5%) |
| Nurse at a clinic | | | | |
| None | 384 (97.7%) | 160 (97.0%) | 44 (97.8%) | 588 (97.5%) |
| Low | 9 (2.3%) | 4 (2.4%) | 1 (2.2%) | 14 (2.3%) |
| Moderate | 0 | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mother | | | | |
| None | 227 (60.7%) | 126 (76.4%) | 36 (78.3%) | 389 (66.5%) |
| Low | 107 (28.6%) | 30 (18.2%) | 7 (15.2%) | 144 (24.6%) |
| Moderate | 31 (8.3%) | 9 (5.5%) | 2 (4.3%) | 42 (7.2%) |
| High | 9 (2.4%) | 0 | 1 (2.2%) | 10 (1.7%) |
| Father | | | | |
| None | 366 (93.8%) | 148 (88.1%) | 46 (97.9%) | 560 (92.6%) |
| Low | 18 (4.6%) | 17 (10.1%) | 1 (2.1%) | 36 (6.0%) |
| Moderate | 5 (1.3%) | 3 (1.8%) | 0 | 8 (1.3%) |
| High | 1 (0.3%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S36 continued...

| | Female n = 398 n(%) | Male n = 169 n(%) | Non-binary n = 48 n(%) | Total N = 615 n(%) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Other adult | | | | |
| None | 324 (85.5%) | 141 (87.0%) | 40 (93.0%) | 505 (86.5%) |
| Low | 42 (11.1%) | 16 (9.9%) | 1 (2.3%) | 59 (10.1%) |
| Moderate | 10 (2.6%) | 4 (2.5%) | 2 (4.7%) | 16 (2.7%) |
| High | 3 (0.8%) | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 4 (0.7%) |
| Female friend | | | | |
| None | 92 (24.9%) | 90 (54.9%) | 16 (39.0%) | 198 (34.5%) |
| Low | 87 (23.6%) | 42 (25.6%) | 9 (22.0%) | 138 (24.0%) |
| Moderate | 90 (24.4%) | 24 (14.6%) | 7 (17.1%) | 121 (21.1%) |
| High | 100 (27.1%) | 8 (4.9%) | 9 (22.0%) | 117 (20.4%) |
| Male friend | | | | |
| None | 246 (65.6%) | 81 (50.6%) | 30 (73.2%) | 357 (62.0%) |
| Low | 65 (17.3%) | 38 (23.8%) | 8 (19.5%) | 111 (19.3%) |
| Moderate | 44 (11.7%) | 30 (18.8%) | 1 (2.4%) | 75 (13.0%) |
| High | 20 (5.3%) | 11 (6.9%) | 2 (4.9%) | 33 (5.7%) |
| Trans or gender diverse friend | | | | |
| None | 350 (90.2%) | 147 (87.5%) | 17 (42.5%) | 514 (86.2%) |
| Low | 21 (5.4%) | 10 (6.0%) | 10 (25.0%) | 41 (6.9%) |
| Moderate | 5 (1.3%) | 7 (4.2%) | 5 (12.5%) | 17 (2.9%) |
| High | 12 (3.1%) | 4 (2.4%) | 8 (20.0%) | 24 (4.0%) |
| Sibling | | | | |
| None | 15 (23.8%) | 4 (18.2%) | 2 (40.0%) | 21 (23.3%) |
| Low | 31 (49.2%) | 11 (50.0%) | 1 (20.0%) | 43 (47.8%) |
| Moderate | 11 (17.5%) | 4 (18.2%) | 1 (20.0%) | 16 (17.8%) |
| High | 6 (9.5%) | 3 (13.6%) | 1 (20.0%) | 10 (11.1%) |
| Partner | | | | |
| None | 204 (53.8%) | 117 (72.7%) | 32 (69.6%) | 353 (60.2%) |
| Low | 40 (10.6%) | 15 (9.3%) | 4 (8.7%) | 59 (10.1%) |
| Moderate | 56 (14.8%) | 19 (11.8%) | 5 (10.9%) | 80 (13.7%) |
| High | 79 (20.8%) | 10 (6.2%) | 5 (10.9%) | 94 (16.0%) |
| School counsellor | | | | |
| None | 386 (98.0%) | 161 (97.6%) | 44 (95.7%) | 591 (97.7%) |
| Low | 4 (1.0%) | 4 (2.4%) | 2 (4.3%) | 10 (1.7%) |
| Moderate | 2 (0.5%) | 0 | 0 | 2 (0.3%) |
| High | 2 (0.5%) | 0 | 0 | 2 (0.3%) |
| School nurse | | | | |
| None | 370 (96.1%) | 161 (97.0%) | 46 (100.0%) | 577 (96.6%) |
| Low | 12 (3.1%) | 5 (3.0%) | 0 | 17 (2.8%) |
| Moderate | 3 (0.8%) | 0 | 0 | 3 (0.5%) |
| High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Teacher | | | | |
| None | 275 (76.0%) | 124 (76.1%) | 36 (80.0%) | 435 (76.3%) |
| Low | 63 (17.4%) | 29 (17.8%) | 6 (13.3%) | 98 (17.2%) |
| Moderate | 20 (5.5%) | 7 (4.3%) | 2 (4.4%) | 29 (5.1%) |
| High | 4 (1.1%) | 3 (1.8%) | 1 (2.2%) | 8 (1.4%) |

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S36 continued...

| | Female n = 398 n(%) | Male n = 169 n(%) | Non-binary n = 48 n(%) | Total N = 615 n(%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Youth worker | | | | |
| None | 375 (96.4%) | 159 (94.6%) | 42 (91.3%) | 576 (95.5%) |
| Low | 6 (1.5%) | 7 (4.2%) | 1 (2.2%) | 14 (2.3%) |
| Moderate | 6 (1.5%) | 2 (1.2%) | 2 (4.3%) | 10 (1.7%) |
| High | 2 (0.5%) | 0 | 1 (2.2%) | 3 (0.5%) |
| Community health services | | | | |
| None | 371 (95.4%) | 162 (96.4%) | 45 (97.8%) | 578 (95.9%) |
| Low | 17 (4.4%) | 6 (3.6%) | 1 (2.2%) | 24 (4.0%) |
| Moderate | 1 (0.3%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peer educator | | | | |
| None | 339 (88.1%) | 149 (90.9%) | 44 (97.8%) | 532 (89.6%) |
| Low | 37 (9.6%) | 13 (7.9%) | 1 (2.2%) | 51 (8.6%) |
| Moderate | 9 (2.3%) | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 10 (1.7%) |
| High | 0 | 1 (0.6%) | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| School sexual health promotion | | | | |
| None | 281 (76.8%) | 129 (78.2%) | 36 (81.8%) | 446 (77.6%) |
| Low | 64 (17.5%) | 25 (15.2%) | 6 (13.6%) | 95 (16.5%) |
| Moderate | 18 (4.9%) | 8 (4.8%) | 2 (4.5%) | 28 (4.9%) |
| High | 3 (0.8%) | 3 (1.8%) | 0 | 6 (1.0%) |
| Lessons in school other than RSE | | | | |
| None | 270 (75.0%) | 131 (80.4%) | 38 (82.6%) | 439 (77.2%) |
| Low | 69 (19.2%) | 22 (13.5%) | 6 (13.0%) | 97 (17.0%) |
| Moderate | 17 (4.7%) | 6 (3.7%) | 2 (4.3%) | 25 (4.4%) |
| High | 4 (1.1%) | 4 (2.5%) | 0 | 8 (1.4%) |
| Internet websites | | | | |
| None | 185 (48.9%) | 82 (50.0%) | 19 (43.2%) | 286 (48.8%) |
| Low | 83 (22.0%) | 37 (22.6%) | 11 (25.0%) | 131 (22.4%) |
| Moderate | 80 (21.2%) | 34 (20.7%) | 10 (22.7%) | 124 (21.2%) |
| High | 30 (7.9%) | 11 (6.7%) | 4 (9.1%) | 45 (7.7%) |
| Social media | | | | |
| None | 232 (60.7%) | 110 (67.1%) | 22 (51.2%) | 364 (61.8%) |
| Low | 57 (14.9%) | 30 (18.3%) | 7 (16.3%) | 94 (16.0%) |
| Moderate | 53 (13.9%) | 21 (12.8%) | 8 (18.6%) | 82 (13.9%) |
| High | 40 (10.5%) | 3 (1.8%) | 6 (14.0%) | 49 (8.3%) |

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S37. Type of information that was discussed with any source in the past year by gender.

| | Female n = 398 n(%) | Male n = 169 n(%) | Non- binary n = 48 n(%) | Total N = 615 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contraception | 306 (89.5%) | 94 (67.6%) | 32 (84.2%) | 432 (83.2%) |
| Condoms | 247 (73.3%) | 97 (70.3%) | 24 (60.0%) | 368 (71.5%) |
| Sexual orientation or gender identity | 202 (60.5%) | 81 (58.3%) | 35 (89.7%) | 318 (62.1%) |
| STI or HIV prevention/testing | 177 (53.2%) | 80 (59.3%) | 22 (57.9%) | 279 (55.1%) |
| Having sex | 283 (84.7%) | 120 (85.7%) | 31 (81.6%) | 434 (84.8%) |

Table S38. Trust of sources by gender.

| | Female n = 370 n(%) | Male n = 160 n(%) | Non-binary n = 46 n(%) | Total N = 576 n(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trust of GP | | | | |
| None | 21 (5.7%) | 4 (2.5%) | 2 (4.3%) | 27 (4.7%) |
| Low | 67 (18.1%) | 27 (16.9%) | 12 (26.1%) | 106 (18.4%) |
| High | 282 (76.2%) | 129 (80.6%) | 32 (69.6%) | 443 (76.9%) |
| Trust of Nurse | | | | |
| None | 25 (6.8%) | 8 (5.1%) | 3 (6.5%) | 36 (6.3%) |
| Low | 110 (29.9%) | 45 (28.5%) | 18 (39.1%) | 173 (30.2%) |
| High | 233 (63.3%) | 105 (66.5%) | 25 (54.3%) | 363 (63.5%) |
| Trust of Mother | | | | |
| None | 63 (17.3%) | 23 (14.6%) | 15 (32.6%) | 101 (17.8%) |
| Low | 151 (41.5%) | 63 (40.1%) | 14 (30.4%) | 228 (40.2%) |
| High | 150 (41.2%) | 71 (45.2%) | 17 (37.0%) | 238 (42.0%) |
| Trust of Father | | | | |
| None | 153 (43.1%) | 27 (17.3%) | 22 (50.0%) | 202 (36.4%) |
| Low | 143 (40.3%) | 70 (44.9%) | 16 (36.4%) | 229 (41.3%) |
| High | 59 (16.6%) | 59 (37.8%) | 6 (13.6%) | 124 (22.3%) |
| Trust of other well-known adult | | | | |
| None | 73 (20.6%) | 21 (13.5%) | 12 (26.7%) | 106 (19.1%) |
| Low | 196 (55.4%) | 99 (63.5%) | 23 (51.1%) | 318 (57.3%) |
| High | 85 (24.0%) | 36 (23.1%) | 10 (22.2%) | 131 (23.6%) |
| Trust of Female friend | | | | |
| None | 16 (4.4%) | 13 (8.3%) | 1 (2.2%) | 30 (5.3%) |
| Low | 168 (46.4%) | 81 (51.9%) | 28 (60.9%) | 277 (49.1%) |
| High | 178 (49.2%) | 62 (39.7%) | 17 (37.0%) | 257 (45.6%) |
| Trust of Male friend | | | | |
| None | 94 (26.2%) | 14 (8.9%) | 13 (28.9%) | 121 (21.6%) |
| Low | 194 (54.0%) | 89 (56.7%) | 25 (55.6%) | 308 (54.9%) |
| High | 71 (19.8%) | 54 (34.4%) | 7 (15.6%) | 132 (23.5%) |
| Trust of Trans or gender diverse friend | | | | |
| None | 57 (17.3%) | 47 (32.6%) | 1 (2.3%) | 105 (20.3%) |
| Low | 162 (49.2%) | 62 (43.1%) | 19 (43.2%) | 243 (47.0%) |
| High | 110 (33.4%) | 35 (24.3%) | 24 (54.5%) | 169 (32.7%) |
| Trust of siblings | | | | |
| None | 155 (45.3%) | 65 (42.5%) | 22 (55.0%) | 242 (45.2%) |
| Low | 130 (38.0%) | 69 (45.1%) | 13 (32.5%) | 212 (39.6%) |
| High | 57 (16.7%) | 19 (12.4%) | 5 (12.5%) | 81 (15.1%) |
| Trust of partner | | | | |
| None | 26 (7.6%) | 12 (8.3%) | 5 (11.9%) | 43 (8.1%) |
| Low | 127 (37.0%) | 60 (41.4%) | 22 (52.4%) | 209 (39.4%) |
| High | 190 (55.4%) | 73 (50.3%) | 15 (35.7%) | 278 (52.5%) |
| Trust of School counsellor | | | | |
| None | 109 (31.0%) | 38 (24.7%) | 11 (25.6%) | 158 (28.8%) |
| Low | 162 (46.0%) | 72 (46.8%) | 26 (60.5%) | 260 (47.4%) |
| High | 81 (23.0%) | 44 (28.6%) | 6 (14.0%) | 131 (23.9%) |
| Trust of School nurse | | | | |
| None | 91 (25.9%) | 35 (22.7%) | 13 (30.2%) | 139 (25.3%) |
| Low | 156 (44.3%) | 75 (48.7%) | 20 (46.5%) | 251 (45.7%) |
| High | 105 (29.8%) | 44 (28.6%) | 10 (23.3%) | 159 (29.0%) |

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| | Female n = 370 n(%) | Male n = 160 n(%) | Non-binary n = 46 n(%) | Total N = 576 n(%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trust of Teacher | | | | |
| None | 108 (30.9%) | 40 (25.6%) | 14 (32.6%) | 162 (29.5%) |
| Low | 155 (44.3%) | 71 (45.5%) | 20 (46.5%) | 246 (44.8%) |
| High | 87 (24.9%) | 45 (28.8%) | 9 (20.9%) | 141 (25.7%) |
| Trust of Youth worker | | | | |
| None | 88 (25.3%) | 31 (20.4%) | 8 (18.2%) | 127 (23.3%) |
| Low | 160 (46.0%) | 75 (49.3%) | 22 (50.0%) | 257 (47.2%) |
| High | 100 (28.7%) | 46 (30.3%) | 14 (31.8%) | 160 (29.4%) |
| Trust of Community health services | | | | |
| None | 69 (19.9%) | 26 (16.9%) | 6 (14.0%) | 101 (18.6%) |
| Low | 135 (38.9%) | 62 (40.3%) | 18 (41.9%) | 215 (39.5%) |
| High | 143 (41.2%) | 66 (42.9%) | 19 (44.2%) | 228 (41.9%) |
| Trust of Peer educator | | | | |
| None | 33 (9.6%) | 20 (13.4%) | 4 (9.3%) | 57 (10.7%) |
| Low | 109 (31.9%) | 49 (32.9%) | 13 (30.2%) | 171 (32.0%) |
| High | 200 (58.5%) | 80 (53.7%) | 26 (60.5%) | 306 (57.3%) |
| Trust of school health promotion | | | | |
| None | 48 (14.2%) | 25 (16.4%) | 11 (25.6%) | 84 (15.8%) |
| Low | 136 (40.2%) | 66 (43.4%) | 21 (48.8%) | 223 (41.8%) |
| High | 154 (45.6%) | 61 (40.1%) | 11 (25.6%) | 226 (42.4%) |
| Trust of lessons other than RSE | | | | |
| None | 63 (18.4%) | 20 (13.2%) | 13 (30.2%) | 96 (17.9%) |
| Low | 166 (48.5%) | 87 (57.6%) | 25 (58.1%) | 278 (51.9%) |
| High | 113 (33.0%) | 44 (29.1%) | 5 (11.6%) | 162 (30.2%) |
| Trust of Internet | | | | |
| None | 31 (9.0%) | 14 (9.2%) | 5 (11.4%) | 50 (9.2%) |
| Low | 146 (42.2%) | 74 (48.7%) | 19 (43.2%) | 239 (44.1%) |
| High | 169 (48.8%) | 64 (42.1%) | 20 (45.5%) | 253 (46.7%) |
| Trust of social media | | | | |
| None | 62 (18.0%) | 38 (25.0%) | 12 (26.7%) | 112 (20.7%) |
| Low | 218 (63.2%) | 96 (63.2%) | 23 (51.1%) | 337 (62.2%) |
| High | 65 (18.8%) | 18 (11.8%) | 10 (22.2%) | 93 (17.2%) |

Table S39. Frequency of young people who have needed help and felt unable to get help by gender.

| | Female n = 338 n(%) | Male n = 146 n(%) | Non-binary n = 45 n(%) | Total N = 529 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preventing pregnancy/contraception | 117 (34.6%) | 14 (9.6%) | 16 (35.6%) | 147 (27.8%) |
| Condoms | 73 (21.6%) | 35 (24.0%) | 11 (24.4%) | 119 (22.5%) |
| Sexual orientation or gender identity | 109 (32.2%) | 26 (17.8%) | 35 (77.8%) | 170 (32.1%) |
| STI or HIV prevention | 52 (15.4%) | 19 (13.0%) | 12 (26.7%) | 83 (15.7%) |
| Having sex | 167 (49.4%) | 41 (28.1%) | 24 (53.3%) | 232 (43.9%) |
| Never | 104 (30.8%) | 80 (54.8%) | 3 (6.7%) | 187 (35.3%) |

Table S40. Barriers to getting help or advice needed by gender.

| | Female n = 229 n(%) | Male n = 65 n(%) | Non-binary n = 39 n(%) | Total N = 333 n(%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Embarrassment | 177 (77.3%) | 49 (75.4%) | 29 (74.4%) | 255 (76.6%) |
| Unsure of where to go | 70 (30.6%) | 26 (40.0%) | 17 (43.6%) | 113 (33.9%) |
| Cost or transport restraints | 29 (12.7%) | 8 (12.3%) | 11 (28.2%) | 48 (14.4%) |
| Haven't found a doctor/nurse I like | 48 (21.0%) | 14 (21.5%) | 8 (20.5%) | 70 (21.0%) |
| Afraid of being told off | 117 (51.1%) | 25 (38.5%) | 16 (41.0%) | 158 (47.4%) |
| Afraid of parents finding out | 150 (65.5%) | 33 (50.8%) | 22 (56.4%) | 205 (61.6%) |
| Ashamed of the problem I'm having | 98 (42.8%) | 20 (30.8%) | 16 (41.0%) | 134 (40.2%) |
| Worried about judgement | 160 (69.9%) | 35 (53.8%) | 25 (64.1%) | 220 (66.1%) |
| Not sure | 5 (2.2%) | 7 (10.8%) | 1 (2.6%) | 13 (3.9%) |

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Table S41. RSE during COVID-19 by gender.

| | Female n = 252 n(%) | Male n = 116 n(%) | Non-binary n = 27 n(%) | Total N = 395 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Scheduled but cancelled due to COVID19 | 6 (2.4%) | 2 (1.7%) | 1 (3.7%) | 9 (2.3%) |
| Online due to COVID19 restrictions | 3 (1.2%) | 3 (2.6%) | 1 (3.7%) | 7 (1.8%) |
| Yes, in school | 122 (48.4%) | 53 (45.7%) | 9 (33.3%) | 184 (46.6%) |
| Other | 2 (0.8%) | 1 (0.9%) | 1 (3.7%) | 4 (1.0%) |
| No | 111 (44.0%) | 50 (43.1%) | 15 (55.6%) | 176 (44.6%) |
| Not sure | 8 (3.2%) | 7 (6.0%) | 0 | 15 (3.8%) |

Table S42. Importance of RSE in the school curriculum by gender.

| | Female n = 306 n(%) | Male n = 138 n(%) | Non-binary n = 42 n(%) | Total N = 486 n(%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very important | 250 (81.7%) | 94 (68.1%) | 35 (83.3%) | 379 (78.0%) |
| Important | 51 (16.7%) | 32 (23.2%) | 7 (16.7%) | 90 (18.5%) |
| Neither important or not important | 3 (1.0%) | 7 (5.1%) | 0 | 10 (2.1%) |
| Of little importance | 2 (0.7%) | 3 (2.2%) | 0 | 5 (1.0%) |
| Not at all important | 0 | 2 (1.4%) | 0 | 2 (0.4%) |

Table S43. Year level that young people received RSE, by gender.

| | Female n = 324 n(%) | Male n = 143 n(%) | Non-binary n = 42 n(%) | Total N = 509 n(%) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Any year level | 307 (94.8%) | 132 (92.3%) | 37 (88.1%) | 476 (93.5%) |
| Foundation to Grade 4 | 10 (3.1%) | 3 (2.1%) | 1 (2.4%) | 14 (2.8%) |
| Year 5-6 | 166 (51.2%) | 77 (53.8%) | 22 (52.4%) | 265 (52.1%) |
| Year 7-8 | 216 (66.7%) | 101 (70.6%) | 27 (64.3%) | 344 (67.6%) |
| Year 9-10 | 252 (77.8%) | 105 (73.4%) | 31 (73.8%) | 388 (76.2%) |
| Year 11-12 | 69 (21.3%) | 26 (18.2%) | 5 (11.9%) | 100 (19.6%) |

Table S44. Information about the last RSE lesson received by gender.

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Number of RSE lessons (last time) | | | | |
| One lesson or less | 39 (13.9%) | 11 (9.6%) | 3 (8.8%) | 53 (12.4%) |
| 2-4 lessons | 79 (28.2%) | 37 (32.2%) | 15 (44.1%) | 131 (30.5%) |
| 5-10 lessons | 110 (39.3%) | 36 (31.3%) | 12 (35.3%) | 158 (36.8%) |
| More than 10 lessons | 52 (18.6%) | 31 (27.0%) | 4 (11.8%) | 87 (20.3%) |
| What subject was RSE part of | | | | |
| It was its own subject | 14 (5.0%) | 11 (9.2%) | 1 (2.9%) | 26 (6.0%) |
| Health and Physical Education | 222 (79.9%) | 91 (75.8%) | 26 (76.5%) | 339 (78.5%) |
| Science/Biology | 26 (9.4%) | 12 (10.0%) | 4 (11.8%) | 42 (9.7%) |
| Religious Instruction/Education | 8 (2.9%) | 4 (3.3%) | 0 | 12 (2.8%) |
| Other | 8 (2.9%) | 2 (1.7%) | 3 (8.8%) | 13 (3.0%) |
| Teacher at last RSE | | | | |
| A teacher | 256 (91.8%) | 111 (91.7%) | 32 (94.1%) | 399 (91.9%) |
| A school nurse | 10 (3.6%) | 1 (0.8%) | 1 (2.9%) | 12 (2.8%) |
| A chaplain or other religious instructor | 2 (0.7%) | 0 | 0 | 2 (0.5%) |
| School counsellor | 0 | 1 (0.8%) | 0 | 1 (0.2%) |
| Someone from outside the school | 9 (3.2%) | 6 (5.0%) | 0 | 15 (3.5%) |
| Not sure | 0 | 2 (1.7%) | 0 | 2 (0.5%) |
| Other | 2 (0.7%) | 0 | 1 (2.9%) | 3 (0.7%) |
| Relevancy of RSE | | | | |
| Not at all relevant | 40 (13.2%) | 11 (8.4%) | 8 (22.2%) | 59 (12.6%) |
| A little relevant | 74 (24.5%) | 32 (24.4%) | 11 (30.6%) | 117 (24.9%) |
| Somewhat relevant | 115 (38.1%) | 50 (38.2%) | 12 (33.3%) | 177 (37.7%) |
| Very relevant | 60 (19.9%) | 27 (20.6%) | 4 (11.1%) | 91 (19.4%) |
| Extremely relevant | 13 (4.3%) | 11 (8.4%) | 1 (2.8%) | 25 (5.3%) |

Table S45. Topics covered in most recent RSE lesson by gender.

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Anal sex | | | | |
| None | 231 (79.7%) | 79 (61.2%) | 34 (91.9%) | 344 (75.4%) |
| Low | 49 (16.9%) | 34 (26.4%) | 3 (8.1%) | 86 (18.9%) |
| Moderate | 7 (2.4%) | 9 (7.0%) | 0 | 16 (3.5%) |
| High | 3 (1.0%) | 7 (5.4%) | 0 | 10 (2.2%) |
| Oral sex | | | | |
| None | 160 (55.0%) | 54 (41.9%) | 24 (64.9%) | 238 (52.1%) |
| Low | 103 (35.4%) | 51 (39.5%) | 12 (32.4%) | 166 (36.3%) |
| Moderate | 17 (5.8%) | 15 (11.6%) | 1 (2.7%) | 33 (7.2%) |
| High | 11 (3.8%) | 9 (7.0%) | 0 | 20 (4.4%) |
| Digital sex | | | | |
| None | 216 (74.0%) | 86 (66.7%) | 30 (81.1%) | 332 (72.5%) |
| Low | 57 (19.5%) | 29 (22.5%) | 7 (18.9%) | 93 (20.3%) |
| Moderate | 13 (4.5%) | 10 (7.8%) | 0 | 23 (5.0%) |
| High | 6 (2.1%) | 4 (3.1%) | 0 | 10 (2.2%) |

None = Not covered, Low = Poor or fair coverage, Moderate = Good coverage, High = Very good to excellent coverage

Table S45 continued...

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| How to use condoms | | | | |
| None | 68 (22.6%) | 30 (23.3%) | 11 (29.7%) | 109 (23.3%) |
| Low | 95 (31.6%) | 34 (26.4%) | 6 (16.2%) | 135 (28.9%) |
| Moderate | 52 (17.3%) | 31 (24.0%) | 7 (18.9%) | 90 (19.3%) |
| High | 86 (28.6%) | 34 (26.4%) | 13 (35.1%) | 133 (28.5%) |
| Long acting contraceptives | | | | |
| None | 62 (20.7%) | 34 (26.6%) | 13 (35.1%) | 109 (23.4%) |
| Low | 110 (36.7%) | 46 (35.9%) | 16 (43.2%) | 172 (37.0%) |
| Moderate | 66 (22.0%) | 20 (15.6%) | 2 (5.4%) | 88 (18.9%) |
| High | 62 (20.7%) | 28 (21.9%) | 6 (16.2%) | 96 (20.6%) |
| Short acting contraceptives | | | | |
| None | 59 (19.6%) | 31 (24.2%) | 11 (29.7%) | 101 (21.7%) |
| Low | 115 (38.2%) | 46 (35.9%) | 17 (45.9%) | 178 (38.2%) |
| Moderate | 66 (21.9%) | 30 (23.4%) | 3 (8.1%) | 99 (21.2%) |
| High | 61 (20.3%) | 21 (16.4%) | 6 (16.2%) | 88 (18.9%) |
| How to reduce your sexually transmissible infection risk | | | | |
| None | 42 (14.0%) | 14 (10.9%) | 10 (27.0%) | 66 (14.2%) |
| Low | 117 (38.9%) | 34 (26.6%) | 20 (54.1%) | 171 (36.7%) |
| Moderate | 71 (23.6%) | 43 (33.6%) | 3 (8.1%) | 117 (25.1%) |
| High | 71 (23.6%) | 37 (28.9%) | 4 (10.8%) | 112 (24.0%) |
| Testing for sexually transmissible infections | | | | |
| None | 96 (31.9%) | 33 (25.8%) | 21 (56.8%) | 150 (32.2%) |
| Low | 143 (47.5%) | 55 (43.0%) | 13 (35.1%) | 211 (45.3%) |
| Moderate | 30 (10.0%) | 19 (14.8%) | 2 (5.4%) | 51 (10.9%) |
| High | 32 (10.6%) | 21 (16.4%) | 1 (2.7%) | 54 (11.6%) |
| Different gender identities and expressions | | | | |
| None | 128 (43.2%) | 58 (45.3%) | 19 (51.4%) | 205 (44.5%) |
| Low | 114 (38.5%) | 39 (30.5%) | 16 (43.2%) | 169 (36.7%) |
| Moderate | 30 (10.1%) | 15 (11.7%) | 0 | 45 (9.8%) |
| High | 24 (8.1%) | 16 (12.5%) | 2 (5.4%) | 42 (9.1%) |
| How a man and woman can have safer sex together | | | | |
| None | 48 (16.2%) | 14 (11.0%) | 4 (10.8%) | 66 (14.3%) |
| Low | 109 (36.8%) | 32 (25.2%) | 17 (45.9%) | 158 (34.3%) |
| Moderate | 75 (25.3%) | 41 (32.3%) | 9 (24.3%) | 125 (27.2%) |
| High | 64 (21.6%) | 40 (31.5%) | 7 (18.9%) | 111 (24.1%) |
| How two men can have safer sex together | | | | |
| None | 218 (73.6%) | 72 (56.2%) | 30 (81.1%) | 320 (69.4%) |
| Low | 55 (18.6%) | 35 (27.3%) | 6 (16.2%) | 96 (20.8%) |
| Moderate | 13 (4.4%) | 12 (9.4%) | 0 | 25 (5.4%) |
| High | 10 (3.4%) | 9 (7.0%) | 1 (2.7%) | 20 (4.3%) |
| How two women can have safer sex together | | | | |
| None | 221 (74.7%) | 76 (59.8%) | 31 (83.8%) | 328 (71.3%) |
| Low | 56 (18.9%) | 31 (24.4%) | 5 (13.5%) | 92 (20.0%) |
| Moderate | 11 (3.7%) | 12 (9.4%) | 0 | 23 (5.0%) |
| High | 8 (2.7%) | 8 (6.3%) | 1 (2.7%) | 17 (3.7%) |

None = Not covered, Low = Poor or fair coverage, Moderate = Good coverage, High = Very good to excellent coverage

Table S45 continued...

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Seeking advice and information about sexual health | | | | |
| None | 46 (15.8%) | 19 (14.7%) | 10 (27.0%) | 75 (16.4%) |
| Low | 123 (42.1%) | 45 (34.9%) | 19 (51.4%) | 187 (40.8%) |
| Moderate | 79 (27.1%) | 36 (27.9%) | 5 (13.5%) | 120 (26.2%) |
| High | 44 (15.1%) | 29 (22.5%) | 3 (8.1%) | 76 (16.6%) |
| Sexual orientation | | | | |
| None | 150 (50.7%) | 51 (40.5%) | 19 (51.4%) | 220 (47.9%) |
| Low | 108 (36.5%) | 46 (36.5%) | 16 (43.2%) | 170 (37.0%) |
| Moderate | 24 (8.1%) | 16 (12.7%) | 0 | 40 (8.7%) |
| High | 14 (4.7%) | 13 (10.3%) | 2 (5.4%) | 29 (6.3%) |
| How to make sure someone wants to have sex | | | | |
| None | 30 (10.2%) | 8 (6.3%) | 5 (13.5%) | 43 (9.4%) |
| Low | 77 (26.1%) | 29 (22.8%) | 16 (43.2%) | 122 (26.6%) |
| Moderate | 72 (24.4%) | 31 (24.4%) | 7 (18.9%) | 110 (24.0%) |
| High | 116 (39.3%) | 59 (46.5%) | 9 (24.3%) | 184 (40.1%) |
| Making informed decisions about having sex | | | | |
| None | 28 (9.5%) | 7 (5.5%) | 7 (18.9%) | 42 (9.2%) |
| Low | 101 (34.2%) | 40 (31.5%) | 13 (35.1%) | 154 (33.6%) |
| Moderate | 72 (24.4%) | 29 (22.8%) | 8 (21.6%) | 109 (23.7%) |
| High | 94 (31.9%) | 51 (40.2%) | 9 (24.3%) | 154 (33.6%) |
| Respect in relationships | | | | |
| None | 35 (11.9%) | 8 (6.2%) | 4 (10.8%) | 47 (10.2%) |
| Low | 92 (31.2%) | 34 (26.6%) | 17 (45.9%) | 143 (31.1%) |
| Moderate | 63 (21.4%) | 26 (20.3%) | 9 (24.3%) | 98 (21.3%) |
| High | 105 (35.6%) | 60 (46.9%) | 7 (18.9%) | 172 (37.4%) |
| Love and intimacy | | | | |
| None | 63 (21.4%) | 19 (14.8%) | 7 (18.9%) | 89 (19.3%) |
| Low | 121 (41.0%) | 47 (36.7%) | 22 (59.5%) | 190 (41.3%) |
| Moderate | 59 (20.0%) | 26 (20.3%) | 7 (18.9%) | 92 (20.0%) |
| High | 52 (17.6%) | 36 (28.1%) | 1 (2.7%) | 89 (19.3%) |
| Pornography | | | | |
| None | 139 (47.8%) | 43 (33.3%) | 22 (59.5%) | 204 (44.6%) |
| Low | 94 (32.3%) | 39 (30.2%) | 13 (35.1%) | 146 (31.9%) |
| Moderate | 31 (10.7%) | 22 (17.1%) | 1 (2.7%) | 54 (11.8%) |
| High | 27 (9.3%) | 25 (19.4%) | 1 (2.7%) | 53 (11.6%) |
| Laws about sexual conduct | | | | |
| None | 53 (18.0%) | 16 (12.5%) | 8 (21.6%) | 77 (16.7%) |
| Low | 105 (35.6%) | 32 (25.0%) | 15 (40.5%) | 152 (33.0%) |
| Moderate | 59 (20.0%) | 31 (24.2%) | 6 (16.2%) | 96 (20.9%) |
| High | 78 (26.4%) | 49 (38.3%) | 8 (21.6%) | 135 (29.3%) |
| Puberty | | | | |
| None | 8 (2.7%) | 10 (7.8%) | 1 (2.8%) | 19 (4.2%) |
| Low | 47 (16.1%) | 19 (14.8%) | 15 (41.7%) | 81 (17.8%) |
| Moderate | 89 (30.5%) | 42 (32.8%) | 6 (16.7%) | 137 (30.0%) |
| High | 148 (50.7%) | 57 (44.5%) | 14 (38.9%) | 219 (48.0%) |

None = Not covered, Low = Poor or fair coverage, Moderate = Good coverage, High = Very good to excellent coverage

Table S45 continued...

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Knowledge about the male reproductive system | | | | |
| None | 13 (4.5%) | 10 (7.8%) | 0 | 23 (5.0%) |
| Low | 91 (31.2%) | 32 (25.0%) | 15 (40.5%) | 138 (30.2%) |
| Moderate | 89 (30.5%) | 37 (28.9%) | 8 (21.6%) | 134 (29.3%) |
| High | 99 (33.9%) | 49 (38.3%) | 14 (37.8%) | 162 (35.4%) |
| Correct names for sexual body parts | | | | |
| None | 4 (1.4%) | 7 (5.4%) | 0 | 11 (2.4%) |
| Low | 71 (24.3%) | 32 (24.8%) | 14 (37.8%) | 117 (25.5%) |
| Moderate | 100 (34.2%) | 40 (31.0%) | 5 (13.5%) | 145 (31.7%) |
| High | 117 (40.1%) | 50 (38.8%) | 18 (48.6%) | 185 (40.4%) |
| Choosing not to have sex/abstinence | | | | |
| None | 47 (16.4%) | 28 (22.0%) | 10 (27.0%) | 85 (18.8%) |
| Low | 90 (31.4%) | 37 (29.1%) | 13 (35.1%) | 140 (31.0%) |
| Moderate | 61 (21.3%) | 29 (22.8%) | 4 (10.8%) | 94 (20.8%) |
| High | 89 (31.0%) | 33 (26.0%) | 10 (27.0%) | 132 (29.3%) |
| Cybersafety related to sex | | | | |
| None | 58 (19.9%) | 33 (25.8%) | 17 (45.9%) | 108 (23.6%) |
| Low | 113 (38.7%) | 44 (34.4%) | 15 (40.5%) | 172 (37.6%) |
| Moderate | 62 (21.2%) | 22 (17.2%) | 1 (2.7%) | 85 (18.6%) |
| High | 59 (20.2%) | 29 (22.7%) | 4 (10.8%) | 92 (20.1%) |
| Masturbation | | | | |
| None | 184 (63.2%) | 52 (40.3%) | 24 (64.9%) | 260 (56.9%) |
| Low | 79 (27.1%) | 49 (38.0%) | 11 (29.7%) | 139 (30.4%) |
| Moderate | 19 (6.5%) | 13 (10.1%) | 2 (5.4%) | 34 (7.4%) |
| High | 9 (3.1%) | 15 (11.6%) | 0 | 24 (5.3%) |
| Practical information about how to have sex | | | | |
| None | 168 (57.5%) | 57 (44.5%) | 22 (59.5%) | 247 (54.0%) |
| Low | 84 (28.8%) | 38 (29.7%) | 10 (27.0%) | 132 (28.9%) |
| Moderate | 24 (8.2%) | 18 (14.1%) | 3 (8.1%) | 45 (9.8%) |
| High | 16 (5.5%) | 15 (11.7%) | 2 (5.4%) | 33 (7.2%) |
| Sexting | | | | |
| None | 50 (17.1%) | 21 (16.3%) | 9 (24.3%) | 80 (17.5%) |
| Low | 102 (34.9%) | 38 (29.5%) | 17 (45.9%) | 157 (34.3%) |
| Moderate | 69 (23.6%) | 34 (26.4%) | 6 (16.2%) | 109 (23.8%) |
| High | 71 (24.3%) | 36 (27.9%) | 5 (13.5%) | 112 (24.5%) |
| Sexual pleasure and enjoyment | | | | |
| None | 154 (52.9%) | 38 (29.7%) | 25 (67.6%) | 217 (47.6%) |
| Low | 92 (31.6%) | 51 (39.8%) | 9 (24.3%) | 152 (33.3%) |
| Moderate | 26 (8.9%) | 18 (14.1%) | 3 (8.1%) | 47 (10.3%) |
| High | 19 (6.5%) | 21 (16.4%) | 0 | 40 (8.8%) |
| Having sex with someone who has a disability | | | | |
| None | 254 (87.3%) | 102 (79.7%) | 36 (97.3%) | 392 (86.0%) |
| Low | 23 (7.9%) | 18 (14.1%) | 1 (2.7%) | 42 (9.2%) |
| Moderate | 8 (2.7%) | 4 (3.1%) | 0 | 12 (2.6%) |
| High | 6 (2.1%) | 4 (3.1%) | 0 | 10 (2.2%) |

None = Not covered, Low = Poor or fair coverage, Moderate = Good coverage, High = Very good to excellent coverage

Table S46. Attributes of the best RSE teacher.

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Experienced teachers | | | | |
| Disagree | 26 (8.4%) | 13 (9.4%) | 6 (14.0%) | 45 (9.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 79 (25.4%) | 27 (19.6%) | 14 (32.6%) | 120 (24.4%) |
| Agree | 206 (66.2%) | 98 (71.0%) | 23 (53.5%) | 327 (66.5%) |
| Able to relate well to students | | | | |
| Disagree | 27 (8.7%) | 8 (5.8%) | 5 (11.6%) | 40 (8.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 29 (9.3%) | 16 (11.6%) | 6 (14.0%) | 51 (10.3%) |
| Agree | 256 (82.1%) | 114 (82.6%) | 32 (74.4%) | 402 (81.5%) |
| Health or PE teachers | | | | |
| Disagree | 52 (16.6%) | 22 (15.8%) | 11 (26.2%) | 85 (17.2%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 89 (28.4%) | 38 (27.3%) | 18 (42.9%) | 145 (29.4%) |
| Agree | 172 (55.0%) | 79 (56.8%) | 13 (31.0%) | 264 (53.4%) |
| Young teachers | | | | |
| Disagree | 24 (7.7%) | 7 (5.0%) | 5 (11.9%) | 36 (7.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 64 (20.5%) | 34 (24.5%) | 15 (35.7%) | 113 (22.9%) |
| Agree | 224 (71.8%) | 98 (70.5%) | 22 (52.4%) | 344 (69.8%) |
| Willing to ask students what they want to learn | | | | |
| Disagree | 27 (8.6%) | 6 (4.3%) | 5 (11.4%) | 38 (7.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 29 (9.3%) | 16 (11.5%) | 6 (13.6%) | 51 (10.3%) |
| Agree | 257 (82.1%) | 117 (84.2%) | 33 (75.0%) | 407 (82.1%) |
| Female | | | | |
| Disagree | 11 (3.5%) | 8 (5.8%) | 4 (9.3%) | 23 (4.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 82 (26.1%) | 63 (45.3%) | 15 (34.9%) | 160 (32.3%) |
| Agree | 221 (70.4%) | 68 (48.9%) | 24 (55.8%) | 313 (63.1%) |
| Male | | | | |
| Disagree | 62 (19.8%) | 15 (10.7%) | 9 (20.9%) | 86 (17.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 153 (48.9%) | 60 (42.9%) | 26 (60.5%) | 239 (48.2%) |
| Agree | 98 (31.3%) | 65 (46.4%) | 8 (18.6%) | 171 (34.5%) |
| Knowledgeable about sexual issues | | | | |
| Disagree | 4 (1.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 4 (0.8%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 22 (7.2%) | 10 (7.4%) | 0 (0.0%) | 32 (6.6%) |
| Agree | 279 (91.5%) | 125 (92.6%) | 42 (100.0%) | 446 (92.5%) |
| Good at getting students involved in learning activities | | | | |
| Disagree | 15 (4.9%) | 8 (5.9%) | 2 (4.9%) | 25 (5.2%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 47 (15.4%) | 19 (14.0%) | 6 (14.6%) | 72 (14.9%) |
| Agree | 243 (79.7%) | 109 (80.1%) | 33 (80.5%) | 385 (79.9%) |
| Calm and unflappable | | | | |
| Disagree | 8 (2.6%) | 6 (4.4%) | 2 (4.9%) | 16 (3.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 36 (11.8%) | 12 (8.9%) | 4 (9.8%) | 52 (10.8%) |
| Agree | 261 (85.6%) | 117 (86.7%) | 35 (85.4%) | 413 (85.9%) |
| Good managers of student behaviour | | | | |
| Disagree | 11 (3.6%) | 7 (5.1%) | 1 (2.4%) | 19 (4.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 36 (11.9%) | 13 (9.6%) | 5 (12.2%) | 54 (11.2%) |
| Agree | 256 (84.5%) | 116 (85.3%) | 35 (85.4%) | 407 (84.8%) |
| Approachable and respectful | | | | |
| Disagree | 6 (2.0%) | 3 (2.2%) | 1 (2.4%) | 10 (2.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 15 (4.9%) | 8 (5.9%) | 1 (2.4%) | 24 (5.0%) |
| Agree | 283 (93.1%) | 125 (91.9%) | 40 (95.2%) | 448 (92.9%) |

Table 46 continued...

| | Female n = 307 n(%) | Male n = 132 n(%) | Non-binary n = 37 n(%) | Total N = 476 n(%) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Able to show a sense of humour | | | | |
| Disagree | 7 (2.3%) | 6 (4.4%) | 1 (2.4%) | 14 (2.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 25 (8.2%) | 11 (8.1%) | 4 (9.8%) | 40 (8.3%) |
| Agree | 272 (89.5%) | 118 (87.4%) | 36 (87.8%) | 426 (88.8%) |

Digital and online sexual practices

Young people's experiences with pornography

Table S47. Pornography use by gender.

| | Female n = 350 n(%) | Male n = 167 n(%) | Non-binary n = 42 n(%) | Total N = 559 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frequency of pornography in last year ¹ | | | | |
| Never | 46 (13.3%) | 5 (3.1%) | 4 (9.5%) | 55 (10.0%) |
| Less than monthly | 160 (46.1%) | 11 (6.8%) | 17 (40.5%) | 188 (34.1%) |
| Monthly | 58 (16.7%) | 21 (13.0%) | 10 (23.8%) | 89 (16.2%) |
| Weekly | 61 (17.6%) | 58 (35.8%) | 7 (16.7%) | 126 (22.9%) |
| Daily or almost daily | 22 (6.3%) | 67 (41.4%) | 4 (9.5%) | 93 (16.9%) |
| Reasons | | | | |
| It gives me pleasure | 168 (47.9%) | 120 (71.9%) | 21 (50.0%) | 309 (55.2%) |
| To teach myself about pleasure | 118 (33.6%) | 45 (26.9%) | 9 (21.4%) | 172 (30.7%) |
| Because of boredom | 116 (33.0%) | 79 (47.3%) | 19 (45.2%) | 214 (38.2%) |
| Because I feel sad or lonely | 22 (6.3%) | 40 (24.0%) | 4 (9.5%) | 66 (11.8%) |
| To learn about sexual pleasure | 101 (28.8%) | 29 (17.4%) | 8 (19.0%) | 138 (24.6%) |
| To learn about sexual practices | 102 (29.1%) | 31 (18.6%) | 11 (26.2%) | 144 (25.7%) |
| Out of curiosity | 219 (62.4%) | 81 (48.5%) | 27 (64.3%) | 327 (58.4%) |
| Viewed pornography | | | | |
| With friends | 51 (14.7%) | 16 (9.6%) | 7 (16.7%) | 74 (13.3%) |
| On my own | 304 (87.4%) | 163 (97.6%) | 38 (90.5%) | 505 (90.7%) |
| With my partner | 52 (14.9%) | 14 (8.4%) | 4 (9.5%) | 70 (12.6%) |

¹Of those who have ever viewed pornography

Sexting

Table S48. Sexting behaviours by gender.

| | Female n = 302 n(%) | Male n = 130 n(%) | Non-binary n = 42 n(%) | Total N = 474 n(%) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frequency of receiving sexually explicit text messages | | | | |
| None | 35 (11.6%) | 43 (33.1%) | 10 (23.8%) | 88 (18.6%) |
| Low | 93 (30.8%) | 38 (29.2%) | 10 (23.8%) | 141 (29.7%) |
| Moderate | 79 (26.2%) | 24 (18.5%) | 8 (19.0%) | 111 (23.4%) |
| High | 95 (31.5%) | 25 (19.2%) | 14 (33.3%) | 134 (28.3%) |
| Frequency of receiving sexually explicit photos | | | | |
| None | 43 (14.2%) | 47 (35.9%) | 11 (26.8%) | 101 (21.3%) |
| Low | 113 (37.4%) | 41 (31.3%) | 13 (31.7%) | 167 (35.2%) |
| Moderate | 78 (25.8%) | 24 (18.3%) | 9 (22.0%) | 111 (23.4%) |
| High | 68 (22.5%) | 19 (14.5%) | 8 (19.5%) | 95 (20.0%) |
| Frequency of sending sexually explicit text messages | | | | |
| None | 84 (28.4%) | 58 (45.3%) | 14 (35.0%) | 156 (33.6%) |
| Low | 90 (30.4%) | 29 (22.7%) | 10 (25.0%) | 129 (27.8%) |
| Moderate | 67 (22.6%) | 22 (17.2%) | 8 (20.0%) | 97 (20.9%) |
| High | 55 (18.6%) | 19 (14.8%) | 8 (20.0%) | 82 (17.7%) |
| Frequency sending sexually explicit photos of self | | | | |
| None | 96 (32.4%) | 75 (58.6%) | 21 (52.5%) | 192 (41.4%) |
| Low | 87 (29.4%) | 31 (24.2%) | 8 (20.0%) | 126 (27.2%) |
| Moderate | 66 (22.3%) | 12 (9.4%) | 7 (17.5%) | 85 (18.3%) |
| High | 47 (15.9%) | 10 (7.8%) | 4 (10.0%) | 61 (13.1%) |
| Frequency of sending sexually explicit photo of someone else | | | | |
| None | 235 (79.4%) | 109 (83.8%) | 34 (82.9%) | 378 (80.9%) |
| Low | 38 (12.8%) | 12 (9.2%) | 6 (14.6%) | 56 (12.0%) |
| Moderate | 14 (4.7%) | 6 (4.6%) | 1 (2.4%) | 21 (4.5%) |
| High | 9 (3.0%) | 3 (2.3%) | 0 | 12 (2.6%) |
| Frequency of social media use for sexual reasons | | | | |
| None | 124 (42.5%) | 64 (49.6%) | 20 (47.6%) | 208 (44.9%) |
| Low | 77 (26.4%) | 16 (12.4%) | 8 (19.0%) | 101 (21.8%) |
| Moderate | 46 (15.8%) | 23 (17.8%) | 5 (11.9%) | 74 (16.0%) |
| High | 45 (15.4%) | 26 (20.2%) | 9 (21.4%) | 80 (17.3%) |
| Sexual photos of you have been shared without permission | 41 (15.9%) | 12 (10.0%) | 5 (15.6%) | 58 (14.1%) |

None = Never, Low = Once to a few times a year, Moderate = About once a month to 2-3 times a month, High = About once a week/fortnight or more

Table S49. Receiving sexually explicit photo by gender.

| | Female n = 302 n(%) | Male n = 131 n(%) | Non-binary n = 41 n(%) | Total N = 474 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Senders of sexually explicit photos | | | | |
| Someone I'm in a relationship in | 134 (51.7%) | 35 (41.2%) | 14 (46.7%) | 183 (48.9%) |
| Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with | 72 (27.8%) | 27 (31.8%) | 10 (33.3%) | 109 (29.1%) |
| A friend | 47 (18.1%) | 27 (31.8%) | 6 (20.0%) | 80 (21.4%) |
| Someone I just met face-to-face | 19 (7.3%) | 6 (7.1%) | 1 (3.3%) | 26 (7.0%) |
| Someone I only know online | 98 (37.8%) | 28 (32.9%) | 16 (53.3%) | 142 (38.0%) |
| A stranger | 124 (47.9%) | 28 (32.9%) | 19 (63.3%) | 171 (45.7%) |
| I want a sexual photo of this person | | | | |
| Low | 135 (53.6%) | 32 (38.1%) | 16 (57.1%) | 183 (50.3%) |
| Moderate | 55 (21.8%) | 20 (23.8%) | 10 (35.7%) | 85 (23.4%) |
| High | 62 (24.6%) | 32 (38.1%) | 2 (7.1%) | 96 (26.4%) |
| I ask for a sexual photo of this person | | | | |
| Low | 190 (73.6%) | 62 (74.7%) | 22 (78.6%) | 274 (74.3%) |
| Moderate | 44 (17.1%) | 16 (19.3%) | 3 (10.7%) | 63 (17.1%) |
| High | 24 (9.3%) | 5 (6.0%) | 3 (10.7%) | 32 (8.7%) |
| Feelings about receiving sexually explicit photos | | | | |
| <i>Embarrassed</i> | | | | |
| Low | 150 (59.3%) | 60 (73.2%) | 12 (41.4%) | 222 (61.0%) |
| Moderate | 57 (22.5%) | 11 (13.4%) | 7 (24.1%) | 75 (20.6%) |
| High | 46 (18.2%) | 11 (13.4%) | 10 (34.5%) | 67 (18.4%) |
| <i>Excited</i> | | | | |
| Low | 137 (53.7%) | 19 (23.2%) | 20 (66.7%) | 176 (48.0%) |
| Moderate | 51 (20.0%) | 25 (30.5%) | 3 (10.0%) | 79 (21.5%) |
| High | 67 (26.3%) | 38 (46.3%) | 7 (23.3%) | 112 (30.5%) |
| <i>Guilty</i> | | | | |
| Low | 191 (75.2%) | 60 (73.2%) | 21 (72.4%) | 272 (74.5%) |
| Moderate | 31 (12.2%) | 15 (18.3%) | 4 (13.8%) | 50 (13.7%) |
| High | 32 (12.6%) | 7 (8.5%) | 4 (13.8%) | 43 (11.8%) |
| <i>Happy</i> | | | | |
| Low | 134 (53.0%) | 22 (26.8%) | 21 (70.0%) | 177 (48.5%) |
| Moderate | 49 (19.4%) | 23 (28.0%) | 3 (10.0%) | 75 (20.5%) |
| High | 70 (27.7%) | 37 (45.1%) | 6 (20.0%) | 113 (31.0%) |
| <i>Upset</i> | | | | |
| Low | 163 (63.9%) | 71 (86.6%) | 13 (44.8%) | 247 (67.5%) |
| Moderate | 46 (18.0%) | 8 (9.8%) | 7 (24.1%) | 61 (16.7%) |
| High | 46 (18.0%) | 3 (3.7%) | 9 (31.0%) | 58 (15.8%) |
| <i>Horny</i> | | | | |
| Low | 125 (49.2%) | 12 (14.6%) | 18 (60.0%) | 155 (42.3%) |
| Moderate | 50 (19.7%) | 17 (20.7%) | 6 (20.0%) | 73 (19.9%) |
| High | 79 (31.1%) | 53 (64.6%) | 6 (20.0%) | 138 (37.7%) |

Low = Not at all or rarely, Moderate = Sometimes, High = Often or always

Table S50. Sending sexually explicit photo by gender.

| | Female n = 200 n(%) | Male n = 53 n(%) | Non-binary n = 19 n(%) | Total N = 272 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| People sexually explicit photos were sent to | | | | |
| Someone I'm in a relationship in | 155 (77.9%) | 33 (62.3%) | 15 (78.9%) | 203 (74.9%) |
| Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with | 74 (37.2%) | 18 (34.0%) | 10 (52.6%) | 102 (37.6%) |
| A friend | 37 (18.6%) | 15 (28.3%) | 7 (36.8%) | 59 (21.8%) |
| Someone I just met face-to-face | 5 (2.5%) | 4 (7.5%) | 1 (5.3%) | 10 (3.7%) |
| Someone I only know online | 35 (17.6%) | 14 (26.4%) | 3 (15.8%) | 52 (19.2%) |
| A stranger | 12 (6.0%) | 3 (5.7%) | 0 | 15 (5.5%) |
| Identifying information shared | | | | |
| None | 115 (66.5%) | 32 (65.3%) | 15 (88.2%) | 162 (67.8%) |
| Face visible | 58 (33.5%) | 12 (24.5%) | 2 (11.8%) | 72 (30.1%) |
| Identifying information | 0 | 5 (10.2%) | 0 | 5 (2.1%) |
| Type of photo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suggestive (e.g. in underwear) | 174 (86.6%) | 32 (60.4%) | 18 (94.7%) | 224 (82.1%) |
| Semi-nude | 168 (83.6%) | 31 (58.5%) | 15 (78.9%) | 214 (78.4%) |
| Nude | 79 (39.3%) | 36 (67.9%) | 9 (47.4%) | 124 (45.4%) |
| Feelings about sending sexually explicit photos | | | | |
| <i>Embarrassed</i> | | | | |
| Low | 85 (43.4%) | 29 (55.8%) | 8 (44.4%) | 122 (45.9%) |
| Moderate | 50 (25.5%) | 12 (23.1%) | 6 (33.3%) | 68 (25.6%) |
| High | 61 (31.1%) | 11 (21.2%) | 4 (22.2%) | 76 (28.6%) |
| <i>Excited</i> | | | | |
| Low | 103 (52.6%) | 21 (40.4%) | 5 (27.8%) | 129 (48.5%) |
| Moderate | 45 (23.0%) | 14 (26.9%) | 6 (33.3%) | 65 (24.4%) |
| High | 48 (24.5%) | 17 (32.7%) | 7 (38.9%) | 72 (27.1%) |
| <i>Guilty</i> | | | | |
| Low | 96 (49.2%) | 34 (65.4%) | 12 (66.7%) | 142 (53.6%) |
| Moderate | 43 (22.1%) | 10 (19.2%) | 4 (22.2%) | 57 (21.5%) |
| High | 56 (28.7%) | 8 (15.4%) | 2 (11.1%) | 66 (24.9%) |
| <i>Happy</i> | | | | |
| Low | 96 (49.7%) | 15 (28.8%) | 6 (33.3%) | 117 (44.5%) |
| Moderate | 48 (24.9%) | 21 (40.4%) | 6 (33.3%) | 75 (28.5%) |
| High | 49 (25.4%) | 16 (30.8%) | 6 (33.3%) | 71 (27.0%) |
| <i>Upset</i> | | | | |
| Low | 110 (56.7%) | 40 (78.4%) | 13 (72.2%) | 163 (62.0%) |
| Moderate | 26 (13.4%) | 5 (9.8%) | 1 (5.6%) | 32 (12.2%) |
| High | 58 (29.9%) | 6 (11.8%) | 4 (22.2%) | 68 (25.9%) |
| <i>Horny</i> | | | | |
| Low | 100 (51.3%) | 15 (28.8%) | 6 (35.3%) | 121 (45.8%) |
| Moderate | 43 (22.1%) | 10 (19.2%) | 2 (11.8%) | 55 (20.8%) |
| High | 52 (26.7%) | 27 (51.9%) | 9 (52.9%) | 88 (33.3%) |

Low = Not at all or rarely, Moderate = Sometimes, High = Often or always

Table S51. Who social media was used with for sexual reasons, by gender.

| | Female n = 168 n(%) | Male n = 65 n(%) | Non-binary n = 22 n(%) | Total N = 255 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Someone I'm in a relationship in | 107 (64.1%) | 23 (35.4%) | 13 (59.1%) | 143 (56.3%) |
| Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with | 52 (31.1%) | 17 (26.2%) | 8 (36.4%) | 77 (30.3%) |
| A friend | 30 (18.0%) | 16 (24.6%) | 4 (18.2%) | 50 (19.7%) |
| Someone I just met face-to-face | 7 (4.2%) | 4 (6.2%) | 0 | 11 (4.3%) |
| Someone I only know online | 33 (19.8%) | 16 (24.6%) | 3 (13.6%) | 52 (20.5%) |
| A stranger | 17 (10.2%) | 15 (23.1%) | 1 (4.5%) | 33 (13.0%) |

Table S52. Young people's agreement about sexting by gender.

| | Female n = 456 n(%) | Male n = 185 n(%) | Non-binary n = 52 n(%) | Total N = 693 n(%) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sexting has helped me be more open about sex and sexuality | | | | |
| Disagree | 45 (18.2%) | 24 (26.7%) | 4 (12.9%) | 73 (19.8%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 58 (23.5%) | 22 (24.4%) | 6 (19.4%) | 86 (23.4%) |
| Agree | 144 (58.3%) | 44 (48.9%) | 21 (67.7%) | 209 (56.8%) |
| Sexting has helped me learn about my own sexual identity | | | | |
| Disagree | 53 (21.7%) | 23 (25.6%) | 3 (10.0%) | 79 (21.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 58 (23.8%) | 24 (26.7%) | 8 (26.7%) | 90 (24.7%) |
| Agree | 133 (54.5%) | 43 (47.8%) | 19 (63.3%) | 195 (53.6%) |
| Sexting has helped me learn about my partner's sexual identity through sexting | | | | |
| Disagree | 50 (22.0%) | 20 (24.7%) | 3 (10.3%) | 73 (21.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 56 (24.7%) | 23 (28.4%) | 8 (27.6%) | 87 (25.8%) |
| Agree | 121 (53.3%) | 38 (46.9%) | 18 (62.1%) | 177 (52.5%) |
| I think it is a good idea to sext with my partner(s) | | | | |
| Disagree | 45 (17.5%) | 20 (20.0%) | 8 (22.2%) | 73 (18.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 93 (36.2%) | 31 (31.0%) | 8 (22.2%) | 132 (33.6%) |
| Agree | 119 (46.3%) | 49 (49.0%) | 20 (55.6%) | 188 (47.8%) |
| Sexting is a regular part of romantic relationships nowadays | | | | |
| Disagree | 40 (13.7%) | 17 (13.2%) | 6 (15.0%) | 63 (13.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 78 (26.8%) | 32 (24.8%) | 9 (22.5%) | 119 (25.9%) |
| Agree | 173 (59.5%) | 80 (62.0%) | 25 (62.5%) | 278 (60.4%) |
| There is no harm in sexting | | | | |
| Disagree | 130 (44.4%) | 52 (40.6%) | 18 (47.4%) | 200 (43.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 94 (32.1%) | 40 (31.2%) | 12 (31.6%) | 146 (31.8%) |
| Agree | 69 (23.5%) | 36 (28.1%) | 8 (21.1%) | 113 (24.6%) |
| Sending sexual photos is risky | | | | |
| Disagree | 3 (1.0%) | 8 (6.2%) | 0 | 11 (2.4%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 24 (8.2%) | 14 (10.9%) | 5 (12.5%) | 43 (9.3%) |
| Agree | 267 (90.8%) | 106 (82.8%) | 35 (87.5%) | 408 (88.3%) |
| Sending sexual photos can have serious negative consequences | | | | |
| Disagree | 5 (1.7%) | 3 (2.3%) | 1 (2.5%) | 9 (1.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 15 (5.1%) | 15 (11.7%) | 3 (7.5%) | 33 (7.1%) |
| Agree | 274 (93.2%) | 110 (85.9%) | 36 (90.0%) | 420 (90.9%) |
| You have to be careful about sexting | | | | |
| Disagree | 2 (0.7%) | 1 (0.8%) | 0 | 3 (0.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 6 (2.0%) | 9 (7.0%) | 0 | 15 (3.2%) |
| Agree | 285 (97.3%) | 119 (92.2%) | 41 (100.0%) | 445 (96.1%) |

STI attitudes, testing and diagnosis

Beliefs and attitudes

Table S53. Beliefs about STIs by gender.

| | Female n = 278 n(%) | Male n = 124 n(%) | Non-binary n = 38 n(%) | Total N = 440 n(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| People my age should test for STIs | | | | |
| Disagree | 7 (2.5%) | 15 (12.1%) | 1 (2.6%) | 23 (5.2%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 62 (22.3%) | 35 (28.2%) | 8 (21.1%) | 105 (23.9%) |
| Agree | 209 (75.2%) | 74 (59.7%) | 29 (76.3%) | 312 (70.9%) |
| My best friends believe I should test for STIs | | | | |
| Disagree | 153 (55.8%) | 73 (59.3%) | 17 (44.7%) | 243 (55.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 95 (34.7%) | 41 (33.3%) | 18 (47.4%) | 154 (35.4%) |
| Agree | 26 (9.5%) | 9 (7.3%) | 3 (7.9%) | 38 (8.7%) |
| Testing for STIs is common among people my age | | | | |
| Disagree | 141 (51.3%) | 60 (48.0%) | 20 (52.6%) | 221 (50.5%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 90 (32.7%) | 44 (35.2%) | 13 (34.2%) | 147 (33.6%) |
| Agree | 44 (16.0%) | 21 (16.8%) | 5 (13.2%) | 70 (16.0%) |
| Testing for STIs is easy | | | | |
| Disagree | 45 (16.4%) | 14 (11.2%) | 6 (15.8%) | 65 (14.8%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 134 (48.7%) | 70 (56.0%) | 23 (60.5%) | 227 (51.8%) |
| Agree | 96 (34.9%) | 41 (32.8%) | 9 (23.7%) | 146 (33.3%) |
| I know where to go if I want to get tested for STIs | | | | |
| Disagree | 99 (35.9%) | 41 (32.8%) | 20 (52.6%) | 160 (36.4%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 51 (18.5%) | 31 (24.8%) | 6 (15.8%) | 88 (20.0%) |
| Agree | 126 (45.7%) | 53 (42.4%) | 12 (31.6%) | 191 (43.5%) |
| People my age should talk about sexual health and STIs with their partners | | | | |
| Disagree | 5 (1.9%) | 3 (2.5%) | 0 | 8 (1.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 17 (6.3%) | 15 (12.7%) | 3 (8.1%) | 35 (8.2%) |
| Agree | 248 (91.9%) | 100 (84.7%) | 34 (91.9%) | 382 (89.9%) |
| People my age should use condoms with any new partner | | | | |
| Disagree | 4 (1.5%) | 3 (2.5%) | 0 | 7 (1.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 10 (3.7%) | 4 (3.4%) | 1 (2.6%) | 15 (3.5%) |
| Agree | 255 (94.8%) | 111 (94.1%) | 37 (97.4%) | 403 (94.8%) |
| My best friends believe I should use condoms | | | | |
| Disagree | 25 (9.7%) | 11 (9.7%) | 1 (3.0%) | 37 (9.2%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 55 (21.4%) | 29 (25.7%) | 13 (39.4%) | 97 (24.1%) |
| Agree | 177 (68.9%) | 73 (64.6%) | 19 (57.6%) | 269 (66.7%) |
| Testing for STIs is expensive | | | | |
| Disagree | 63 (22.8%) | 32 (25.6%) | 3 (7.9%) | 98 (22.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 186 (67.4%) | 83 (66.4%) | 33 (86.8%) | 302 (68.8%) |
| Agree | 27 (9.8%) | 10 (8.0%) | 2 (5.3%) | 39 (8.9%) |
| Talking about testing for STIs with a partner is difficult | | | | |
| Disagree | 76 (27.8%) | 29 (23.2%) | 9 (23.7%) | 114 (26.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 93 (34.1%) | 59 (47.2%) | 14 (36.8%) | 166 (38.1%) |
| Agree | 104 (38.1%) | 37 (29.6%) | 15 (39.5%) | 156 (35.8%) |

Table S53 continued...

| | Female n = 278 n(%) | Male n = 124 n(%) | Non-binary n = 38 n(%) | Total N = 440 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Using condoms with new partners is common among people my age | | | | |
| Disagree | 44 (16.6%) | 12 (10.3%) | 6 (17.6%) | 62 (14.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 59 (22.3%) | 31 (26.5%) | 16 (47.1%) | 106 (25.5%) |
| Agree | 162 (61.1%) | 74 (63.2%) | 12 (35.3%) | 248 (59.6%) |
| People my age are not thinking about sexual health | | | | |
| Disagree | 86 (32.1%) | 43 (36.4%) | 7 (20.6%) | 136 (32.4%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 72 (26.9%) | 37 (31.4%) | 12 (35.3%) | 121 (28.8%) |
| Agree | 110 (41.0%) | 38 (32.2%) | 15 (44.1%) | 163 (38.8%) |
| Using condoms is easy | | | | |
| Disagree | 16 (6.0%) | 4 (3.4%) | 1 (2.7%) | 21 (5.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 44 (16.4%) | 15 (12.8%) | 9 (24.3%) | 68 (16.1%) |
| Agree | 208 (77.6%) | 98 (83.8%) | 27 (73.0%) | 333 (78.9%) |
| I know where to get condoms | | | | |
| Disagree | 10 (3.7%) | 10 (8.5%) | 4 (10.8%) | 24 (5.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 7 (2.6%) | 6 (5.1%) | 0 | 13 (3.1%) |
| Agree | 252 (93.7%) | 102 (86.4%) | 33 (89.2%) | 387 (91.3%) |
| Talking about using condoms with a partner is difficult | | | | |
| Disagree | 184 (70.0%) | 77 (67.0%) | 19 (59.4%) | 280 (68.3%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 45 (17.1%) | 29 (25.2%) | 9 (28.1%) | 83 (20.2%) |
| Agree | 34 (12.9%) | 9 (7.8%) | 4 (12.5%) | 47 (11.5%) |
| Condoms protect people from STIs | | | | |
| Disagree | 10 (3.7%) | 1 (0.9%) | 1 (2.8%) | 12 (2.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 16 (6.0%) | 8 (6.8%) | 5 (13.9%) | 29 (6.9%) |
| Agree | 241 (90.3%) | 108 (92.3%) | 30 (83.3%) | 379 (90.2%) |
| Condoms prevent pregnancy | | | | |
| Disagree | 7 (2.6%) | 4 (3.4%) | 2 (5.4%) | 13 (3.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 27 (10.1%) | 6 (5.1%) | 6 (16.2%) | 39 (9.2%) |
| Agree | 234 (87.3%) | 107 (91.5%) | 29 (78.4%) | 370 (87.7%) |
| Condoms are expensive | | | | |
| Disagree | 126 (47.9%) | 72 (62.1%) | 17 (50.0%) | 215 (52.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 74 (28.1%) | 26 (22.4%) | 13 (38.2%) | 113 (27.4%) |
| Agree | 63 (24.0%) | 18 (15.5%) | 4 (11.8%) | 85 (20.6%) |
| Using a condom shows caring for a partner | | | | |
| Disagree | 4 (1.5%) | 4 (3.4%) | 4 (11.1%) | 12 (2.9%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 42 (16.0%) | 17 (14.7%) | 5 (13.9%) | 64 (15.4%) |
| Agree | 217 (82.5%) | 95 (81.9%) | 27 (75.0%) | 339 (81.7%) |
| Condoms are not very effective | | | | |
| Disagree | 191 (71.8%) | 97 (83.6%) | 25 (71.4%) | 313 (75.1%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 57 (21.4%) | 14 (12.1%) | 10 (28.6%) | 81 (19.4%) |
| Agree | 18 (6.8%) | 5 (4.3%) | 0 | 23 (5.5%) |
| Sex with condoms would be less stressful | | | | |
| Disagree | 17 (6.4%) | 11 (9.5%) | 5 (14.3%) | 33 (8.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 45 (17.0%) | 21 (18.1%) | 4 (11.4%) | 70 (16.9%) |
| Agree | 202 (76.5%) | 84 (72.4%) | 26 (74.3%) | 312 (75.2%) |

Table S54. Agreement about likelihood and effect of STIs about STIs by gender.

| | Female n = 283 n(%) | Male n = 127 n(%) | Non- binary n = 39 n(%) | Total N = 449 n(%) |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I believe I could get a STI | | | | |
| Disagree | 87 (30.9%) | 37 (28.9%) | 9 (23.7%) | 133 (29.7%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 78 (27.7%) | 39 (30.5%) | 14 (36.8%) | 131 (29.2%) |
| Agree | 117 (41.5%) | 52 (40.6%) | 15 (39.5%) | 184 (41.1%) |
| I think it's unlikely that I will get a STI | | | | |
| Disagree | 32 (11.3%) | 8 (6.2%) | 3 (7.7%) | 43 (9.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 72 (25.5%) | 30 (23.4%) | 7 (17.9%) | 109 (24.3%) |
| Agree | 178 (63.1%) | 90 (70.3%) | 29 (74.4%) | 297 (66.1%) |
| Getting a STI could seriously affect my health | | | | |
| Disagree | 3 (1.1%) | 4 (3.1%) | 0 | 7 (1.6%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 22 (7.8%) | 14 (11.0%) | 5 (12.8%) | 41 (9.1%) |
| Agree | 258 (91.2%) | 109 (85.8%) | 34 (87.2%) | 401 (89.3%) |
| Getting a STI is no big deal | | | | |
| Disagree | 234 (82.7%) | 102 (80.3%) | 32 (82.1%) | 368 (82.0%) |
| Neither agree or disagree | 36 (12.7%) | 17 (13.4%) | 6 (15.4%) | 59 (13.1%) |
| Agree | 13 (4.6%) | 8 (6.3%) | 1 (2.6%) | 22 (4.9%) |

Symptoms, testing, diagnosis and vaccination

Table S55. STI, hepatitis and HIV symptoms, testing and diagnoses by gender.

| | Female n = 257 n(%) | Male n = 118 n(%) | Non-binary n = 36 n(%) | Total N = 411 n(%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ever had STI symptoms? | | | | |
| No, never | 178 (69.3%) | 91 (77.1%) | 28 (77.8%) | 297 (72.3%) |
| Yes, more than one year ago | 24 (9.3%) | 12 (10.2%) | 4 (11.1%) | 40 (9.7%) |
| Yes, in the past 12 months | 55 (21.4%) | 15 (12.7%) | 4 (11.1%) | 74 (18.0%) |
| Had a STI checkup | 50 (18.1%) | 11 (9.0%) | 3 (7.7%) | 64 (14.6%) |
| Location of STI checkup | | | | |
| GP | 40 (81.6%) | 6 (54.5%) | 2 (66.7%) | 48 (76.2%) |
| Youth health service | 2 (4.1%) | 3 (27.3%) | 1 (33.3%) | 6 (9.5%) |
| Hospital | 8 (16.3%) | 3 (27.3%) | 0 | 11 (17.5%) |
| Pathologist | 6 (12.2%) | 0 | 1 (33.3%) | 7 (11.1%) |
| Online | 1 (2.0%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (1.6%) |
| Diagnosed with an STI (excluding HIV) | 8 (2.9%) | 2 (1.6%) | 0 | 10 (2.3%) |
| Diagnosed with viral hepatitis | 0 | 0 | 1 (2.5%) | 1 (0.2%) |
| Had a HIV test | 17 (6.2%) | 3 (2.5%) | 2 (5.1%) | 22 (5.1%) |
| Diagnosed with HIV | 0 | 1 (33.3%) | 0 | 1 (4.5%) |
| Would get a STI test in the future | 106 (51.2%) | 48 (52.7%) | 22 (84.6%) | 176 (54.3%) |