

Best Interests – a monologue

I've got a boyfriend. Tommy. His name is Tommy. Nice looking man. He's gorgeous.

We're going out today for Valentine's Day. I got a present for him. Aftershave.
We are going to a restaurant. I want pudding. Three courses. I got a card for him. Your tea will get cold.

I'm shy. I like Beyonce. I like your shoes.
Childhood – what does that mean? I'm the baby. I don't know my dad. I know my mum. I love her. I make tea for her. I go home every Sunday. I go to church with her.
I like my family. I got five brother and sisters. I saw my sister at Christmas. I cuddled her. I love her. I got a brother - he's a pest that boy. He dumped his wife.

I went to school. In Peckham. I got friends there. I went to college. I did sewing there. Cooking. I liked that. It was a long time ago.
I am 38 now.

I'm going on holiday soon with my key worker to Tenerife. I'll take my new ipad. Go to the beach. Relax. Bikini. And pudding. I can listen to my music. R&B and Beyonce. Her husband JZ and her they had a baby. I wanna see her. I like Drake. I got earphones. I listen every day in my room. I sing with it. I dance as well. Oh behave, you.

Juliet is my best friend. I make tea for her. She makes tea for me. We do a lot. Bowling on Saturday. Tommy is good at it. Cinema. Double dates. Her boyfriend is Robert.

I love my boyfriend Tommy. He's having sex with me. I like it. I enjoying it.
I'll show you something in my arm. Implant. Can you feel it? No baby! Tommy wear condom. He does it himself not me. He puts it on his willy. It stops you having baby. And disease. How do I feel about it? What do you mean?

I went to the doctor to get it in my arm.
Lucy knows what happened – you can ask her. I like Lucy so much. She cares about me. She's a good manager. I hug her in the office. We talk. She makes food for me. Omelette.

I have arguments with Tommy. He stays in his room, he doesn't come out. He needs a break. I text message Tommy on my phone. I type - Married? Do you want a cup of tea? I write lots of feelings. I can't tell you. It's private.

I like Eastenders. I like Kim the black lady. Kim got a boyfriend now. She got a sister as well.
I take medicine every morning after breakfast. I can't remember what it's for. I trust them here.
I like the house. I like my bed. Comfortable. My telly's not working. I want that to be fixed.

Money is too hard for me. It's in my bank. Halifax. When I want to buy something, I tell the staff. I told them that I wanted an ipad and the manager bought it for me.
I don't know how much money I have. I don't know where my money comes from.
I want more money. I want things for my room. Photos frames. With pictures of me and Tommy. Beyonce. And nice wardrobe. They are working on that. And new telly.

I don't go out on my own. I can't go on my own. We do travel training. It's noisy on the streets. I am at the front and the staff stay behind. When we are walking to my mum's and the library. I know the way.
I'm working now. In an office. On Wednesday. I will do shredding. I like it. Shredding. Easy peasy. Two days a week. I take a train there. It's long. The people are nice.

What's the future? Don't say that. I'm not old. What future? I don't know. Move out with Tommy. Baby. I said we should get married. Happy couple. He's not ready yet. A big wedding cake. White wedding dress. And crown. And a veil to cover my face. So you can't see me.

He will hold my arm like this. Oh and a big limo.

And shandy. I like shandy. Tommy drinks beer.

OK, I will show you around. This is the lounge. We watch the telly. Chatting. The garden. That's dining room. Dinner is 5 till 6.

Kitchen. It's big. You want to see in my fridge? I got lasagne. I got two eggs. Yoghurt here. Milk. Salad cream.

This is my cupboard. I got coffee, tuna, cup a soup. I mix it and drink it.

My bedroom, no that is private.

This is the washing room. I do my washing on Tuesday. After shopping. Washing takes a long time. I love it. I feel happy. I can do it by myself. And the ironing. No staff.

I'm tired now.