

SEX LIVES OF WOMEN (1960s-1980s)

You could have the pill in sixth form. Everyone was on it. We got it from the family planning clinic but I was too scared to tell my parents **(Karen)**

People didn't talk about sex **(Pam)**

Sex before marriage – it was not the thing to do. Not talked about **(Marilyn)**

Sex – I was very nervous about pregnancy, etc. With the pill – at least you had a say, some control **(Shirley)**

The pill – there was a stigma about pregnancy before marriage **(Jane)**

I first had the pill three weeks before my marriage (I married at 22) and had to have my first smear then. With regards to sex before marriage – girls didn't want to be seen to be 'free and easy'. We didn't discuss our sex lives with friends **(Elaine)**

The Abortion Act 1967 had a big impact, it saved many women, it was safe, not judgemental **(Elaine B)**

I got the pill from family planning. The doctor asked my boyfriend, "Are you going to marry her?" He told me, "You'll have hundreds of sexual partners now." I started going out with boys at 14. I was told to "keep your knees together".

Nurses could refuse to nurse anyone having an abortion. There was lots of judgement.

(Melanie)