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Telling the sexual health stories of young people experiencing homelessness

This thesis is the study of 24 young people and their experience of homelessness, health access and sexual relationships. The young people were interviewed to investigate the reasons for their homelessness and to explore their understanding of health, sexual health and accessing health care services. Consideration is given to if the different reasons for leaving home influenced the young people’s ability to access the health services they needed. Lack of secure accommodation and family support when experiencing homelessness compromises young people’s social needs, their access to health care and their relationships.

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