

ITN Interview in 1964 with Family Planning Association

(Mrs Margaret Pyke)

Well, I think the Association feels that its main job is - or its main objects are - that is to help the married women and those about to be married and men too, on the question of planning their families, sex difficulties in marriage, childlessness, and so on. That is our first humane job. The feeling was, that perhaps this resolution as it stood unamended would lose us a lot of support that we gained over thirty four years work from the churches and government sources, and from people generally.

(Question): If this resolution got through, would you have wanted some sort of age limit on the girls who could come for advice?

(Mrs Manning)

Do you mean up or down?

(Question) Down?

(Mrs Manning)

I have always suggested in any resolution that the doctors should to some extent use discretion and I am quite sure that a young girl who came in and who we felt was just - as they say - doing it for kicks - we wouldn't give her any encouragement, but with girls of seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, all are marriageable and then begin to get married.