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- TRACEY I was probably eight or nine.
- CD Okay.
- TRACEY Eight, but I just feel as though I can, I can accept what's happened to me, I can accept what's happened to me. But I can't accept what happened to Fleur, I feel as though it's my fault (*cries*).
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- CD But you know it's not your fault, don't you?
- TRACEY (*nods head*)
- CD Have you, um, have you had counselling or anything?
- TRACEY (*shakes head*)
- CD You haven't had any counselling. So the only people you've really spoken to about is your mum, Fleur, me and ...
- TRACEY I, I have got brave over the last couple of years and I have spoken to friends and, obviously, I haven't told them any details. But I've been very matter of fact, you know, "Yeah, I was abused as a child, and this happened and that happened and we had the divorce and now he's got a website." So I haven't been specific about how I feel about things or anything, um, and, obviously, my fiancée now knows, he doesn't know any details.
- CD No.
- TRACEY Um, I remember my husband at the time, when I told him that I was gonna, that Fleur and I had been, 'cause I had to pluck up the courage to tell Jimmy. Because I thought he was, he was gonna divorce me because, I thought he'd say, "Well, hang on a minute, he accused me last year of abusing James, why didn't you say anything then?" So I was absolutely terrified of telling him.
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- CD Mmm.
- TRACEY Um, and as it was the reaction, I plucked up the courage for about two to three months to tell him.
- CD Mmm.
- TRACEY And the reaction just knocked me sideways, he was, like, "Well, are you sure, that's a very serious allegation to

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make." I said, "Of course I'm fucking sure, I know what happened to me." And that was the beginning of the end of our marriage really, because there was a lot of stuff going on with the divorce.

CD Yeah.

TRACEY And the fact that he questioned me and didn't believe me, well, not didn't believe me but his attitude was, "Well, you do whatever you've gotta do, leave me out of it," sort of thing. And, um, so I hadn't ever, I've got no historic people that I can say to you, "Oh yeah, ask them person, they'll tell you that I'm telling the truth," because I never, I never spoke about it because I was too ashamed.

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CD But, from what I understand the people that you, that you told, you told all around the time that the, the divorce was going about. And you told them because you felt that it was gonna come out at the divorce in 2000. So, although you weren't specific in detail with them, you've actually, sort of, said, "Well, this happened and is gonna come out to a certain extent," so to speak.

TRACEY Yeah.

CD Was it, did it come out in detail in court, what had happened?

TRACEY Um, a little bit, but only, um, by the affidavits that we'd written and, um, they basically had put a big folder of me and, sort of, said, "Right, turn to page 23 and look at that paragraph and is that true?"

CD Right.

TRACEY Yeah.

CD Okay.

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TRACEY Um, the, the cross examining probably wasn't as vicious as it could have been, because it was in a, in a ...

CD It was a family court.

TRACEY ... family court. But, um, his defence barrister did, sort of, say to me, "I put it to you that if it was so horrible and if it was so horrible and nasty, why did you even get into bed with him?" Not, sort of, denying that I did, that we were in