

Dear Committee for Education,

I understand there is a mini-inquiry into RSE. My doctoral research as a trainee Educational Psychologist had been on young people's views on RSE in NI. While I appreciate the call for evidence is long over, I thought I might send a summary of my research in case it may still be of use.

I had conducted a mixed-methods study comprised of anonymous online questionnaire (604 participants across 30 schools) and six follow up interviews with sixth-form students.

2 Part Blog post

Part 1 looks at the quantitative findings of what topics tend to be covered or missed out, how the young people rated the quality and usefulness of their RSE, and some interesting differences between groups. <https://edpsy.org.uk/blog/2023/young-peoples-views-on-relationships-and-sexuality-education-in-northern-ireland/>

Part 2 looks at young people's views and suggestions of how they would like their RSE to be delivered in schools.

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I have also produced a 30 minute webinar on my research [EP Reach Out webinar](#)

I would be very happy to discuss further.

Kind regards,
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