

HOME (GARDEN BOY)

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GARDEN BOY: I've been here nearly two years... and it's been struggling, struggling living here, it's just hard. Uh, well me and my mum, my mum had my little brother when I was sixteen... and then all my mum did was say, make him a drink, make your brother food, do this, do that, do this, I literally had no time to myself, except for night-time and then obviously I was awake all the way through the night, tired during the day and I had to do more stuff and it led - it led to depression and anxiety... I didn't even go school because I used to basically just had to do so much for my mum, plus I was bullied at school so that didn't help either. Mum didn't care. And then... one day I snapped, and, had a go at my mum and then she wanted me to leave so I left... I was on the streets for about a month... or so, I used to sleep in the park up the road on the benches, then I eventually had the courage to tell my girlfriend? I lived with her for a couple of months... then I went First Point, and then... I ended up here.

A home? A place where I feel safe... walk in, cos like here, I walk in, I literally, put the latch on... the chain, and the bottom lock... and then I put a towel at the bottom... ? And I think that's quite sad that I don't feel safe even though there's security, two electric doors and then my door.

The people that live here to be exact, just, you walk around and you see like, there's a guy called Blunt who I know, lives a few doors away from me, I'm not sure if I should be saying this but...

He's umm he said to me that um, he was caught for burglary and I'm like, okay, this guy lives three doors down from me and he's been done for burglary, there's drug dealers in the building... there's people who grow drugs, and there's just, it just doesn't feel like a safe environment, cos when I first moved in here, I think it was about two months after moving in here some guy got stabbed in the neck.

In this, in the building yeah. I don't know if fatally, I know he got stabbed in the neck.

I feel more safer out there than I do in here.