

Table 2 Response rates and baseline characteristics. Values are numbers (percentages) unless stated otherwise

Survey wave/baseline measure	Intervention group	Comparison group
Participated in YPDP:		
Overall	2371	NA
Years 1 and 2 only	1864	NA
Completed baseline:		
Overall	1637 (69% of participants)	1087
Years 1 and 2 only	1333 (72% of participants)	
Completed first follow-up	1054 (64% of baseline pool; 44% of participants)	599 (55% of baseline pool)
Completed second follow-up	566 (43% of years 1 and 2 baseline pool; 30% of years 1 and 2 participants)	338 (31% of baseline pool)
Male sex**	1015/1637 (62)	610/1086(56)
Mean age (years)	14.56	14.65
Non-private housing **	1095/1505 (73)	613/1006 (61)
Lone parent family**	627/1337 (47)	391/945 (41)
Workless household*	493/1260 (39)	319/917 (35)
Language other than English mainly spoken at home	97/1631 (6)	47/1076 (4)
Black or minority ethnicity*	360/1586 (23)	184/1029 (20)
Drunk monthly or more often in previous 6 months *	482/1352 (36)	388/964 (40)
Drug use in previous 6 months	1179/1379 (86)	846/987 (86)
Experience of heterosexual sex**	562/1637 (34)	438/1087 (40)
No contraceptive use at first sex	115/583 (20)	101/450 (22)
No contraceptive use at latest sex	126/562 (22)	89/438 (20)
Dislikes school*	913/1365 (67)	608/974 (62)
Low parental interest in school achievement	76/1362 (6)	54/974 (6)
Truancing in previous 6 months **	584/1272 (46)	356/892 (40)
Temporary school exclusion in previous 6 months**	550/1262 (44)	330/873 (38)
Permanent exclusion from school**	183/1207 (15)	210/873 (24)
Attendance at pupil referral unit (at first follow-up)**	113/1043 (11)	119/595 (20)
Contact with police in previous 6 months	715/1354 (53)	522/976 (53)
Most friends had contact with police in previous 6 months	379/1353 (28)	291/964 (30)
Difficult to discuss problems with mother/female guardian	383/1330 (29)	268/960 (28)
Difficult to discuss problems with father/male guardian	501/1132 (44)	393/856 (46)
Does not expect be in steady job by age 20	144/1357 (11)	91/969 (9)
Expects to be parent by age 20	646/1342 (48)	474/946 (50)
Expects to be at college/university by	418/1346 (31)	328/946 (35)

age 20

NA=not applicable; YPDP=Young People's Development Programme.

*P<0.05 **P<0.01.