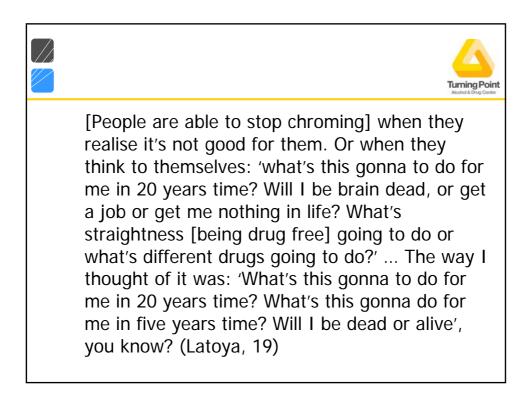






If I didn't chrome I could have been a long way by now. I could have done a lot of things within those times, you know. I could've like finished school. Not just year 9 or 8. Could have got a good job or something. (Veronica, 18)



Conclusion #1

•This paper shows how even very marginalised people are deeply concerned with managing risk and being seen to manage risks appropriately. The repertoire of risk-taking practices available to marginalised young people, however, can be particularly dangerous.

•Engaging in practices widely understood to place them 'at risk' ultimately led young people in the study to pessimistic assessments of their own capacity to manage and direct their lives.

