

Normal – By Lee Phillips

Series arc

Having exploded onto the scene in her new post, Kelly continues to impact on the lives of all those that she becomes involved with.

Episode 2 – Thin Wins

Story of the week

Haydn – a 14 year old jock - is the schools top athlete, his drive to be the best has channelled him into a fixation with his weight... Kelly works with him to overcome this. It's too big for Kelly. He ends up hospitalised with anorexia.

Also...

Elliot sinks further into a seedy world of porn addiction to distract him from the pressures of exams. He builds up confidence and asks Clare on a date. She agrees.

Stacey accepts Shannon into her posse, but tests her as an initiation. Shannon goes along but feels uncomfortable with what she has to do, then revels in the attention she receives.

Steve battles on at home but continues to keep the situation at the garage secret. He struggles without the extra pair of hands. Giving into temptation he visits the bookmakers and has a small win.

Christian struggles with Sam's self-assuredness over his sexuality.

Episode 3 – The Trouble With Porn

Story of the week

8 year old Rory is referred by his school because of his behaviour problems and issues around wetting himself. Kelly intervenes, struggling with his dysfunctional family. As matters come to a head it's agreed the best solution is for him to be put into the care system.

Also...

Elliot and Clare continue to date. He pressurises her into a physical relationship. Reluctantly, in a moment of weakness and manipulation, she gives in. Alarm bells ring when he starts introducing certain behaviours into their sexual activity.

Tension builds between Steve and Fiona... Steve withdraws further and further away from Kelly. This is brought into stark reality when his friendship with neighbour Fiona blossoms as she provides a comforting listening ear.

Shannon starts staying out with her 'friends' – coming home late.

Christian is devastated to learn that his parents are coming to stay. They are unaware of his marriage to Sam. As he struggles with this, he takes his eye off the ball at work.

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Episode 4 - Temptation

Story of the week

Struggling to cope with the unrealistic academic pressures her parents are putting on her, Hannah spirals into dependency on drugs, affecting her behaviour at home and at school. Kelly works with her to address her parent's disapproval, and wean her off.

Also...

Steve arranges to meet Fiona somewhere secluded for lunch – they are tempted, but Steve doesn't succumb, resorting instead to having a flutter. He loses.

Elliot brings more and more depraved practices in to their sexual activity fuelled by his addiction to the distorted world of porn that occupies so much of his time. Pushed too far, Clare flees ending the relationship.

Shannon struggles with her identity and how she fits into a school filled with cliques. As she becomes more tormented she sinks into a dependence on alcohol, taking it from home.

Christian's parents visit. The cat tumbles out of the bag and devastation ensues.

Episode 5 – Marriage Matters

Story of the week

16 year old Nadia – a 2nd generation Iranian immigrant - is referred to CAMHS for severe depression over the matter of an arranged marriage to her cousin, who still lives in Iran. She risks harm to herself by running away from home. Kelly battles with her own beliefs and those of a culture she knows little about, trying to reason with Nadia's family. She believes she has made headway, only to learn that Nadia has taken her life.

Also...

Shannon starts buying her own alcohol from a corner shop, resorting to drinking before she heads off to school.

Elliot withdraws from family life. Kelly worries that he will throw away all the opportunities that are open to him by failing his exams.

Steve avoids Fiona and turns to gambling to give him some form of gratification. He loses a significant amount of money.

The cracks start to show in Kelly's brave exterior as the stress of the job takes its toll.

Christian's marriage is on the rocks. They agree on a trial separation.

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Episode 6 - Consequences

Steve struggles with guilt over his temptation to commit adultery; however, with debtors closing in on the garage, feeling emasculated, and low on Kelly's list of priorities, he considers whether to pursue Fiona.

Shannon is brought home by a friendly Police Officer who has been picked her up for being drunk and disorderly after being abandoned by her so called 'friends'.

Clare turns up on the doorstep and reveals to Elliot that she is pregnant.

Kelly confides in Christian – hit hard by Haydn's hospitalisation and Nadia's suicide. Distracted by his own problems, Christian offers no comfort or support resulting in Kelly resigning. His private issues come to light and Kelly puts aside her concerns to help. They resolve their differences, Kelly withdraws her resignation.

She heads home feeling a sense of resolution to find Steve in bed with Fiona.

Kelly's eyes are opened to the devastation that is on her own doorstep. She is conflicted by the needs of her family and the needs of her clients.