Bottom Line Rules for Living Briony I am bad If I allow anyone close to me, they will hurt and exploit me I must never let anyone see my true self Rajiv I am not good Unless I always get it right, I will never get enough anywhere in life If someone criticises me, it means I have failed Evie I am fat and ugly My worth depends on how I look and what I

I am unacceptable

I am worthless

I am unlovable

I am unimportant

I am inferior

weigh

control

I must always keep myself under tight

Survival depends on hitting back

No matter what I do, no one will accept me

Unless I do everything people expect of me, I will be rejected

If I ask for what I need, I will be disappointed

If someone is not

of interest Nothing I do is worthwhile unless it is recognised by others

to fail

interested in me, it's

because I am unworthy

Figure 5. Rules for Living

Jack

Aaron

Kate

Lin

Tom

Mike

Mary

I am stupid I am strong and competent I am pathetic

I am completely

useless

I am kind and caring

throws at me useless

I should be able to cope with anything life Letting my emotions get the better of me is a sign of weakness Unless I am caring for others, I am completely

Better not to try than