

## Relationship Scenario Notes

### Scenario 1

*Hannah went to meet Marty to go to the cinema. She had been waiting to see the film for months. She was excited. Marty met her and said. "The lads are going to play pool tonight so I can't go to the cinema - ok, I'll see you tomorrow as planned". He kissed her on the cheek and left...*

1. Was it ok for Marty to do this? Yes or no – why?

No, this was not ok; Marty was not showing any respect for Hannah. He was only interested in what he wanted to do.

2. What could Marty have said to show her that he did care about her?

He could have explained why he wanted to go to the pool match. He should have apologised and said that they would go out another night. Together, they could have reached a compromise. Marty could have asked for Hannah to go with him to play pool.

Marty communicated badly, he showed disrespect for another person whom he was supposed to care about.

3. What should Hannah do now? Give your reasons.

Hannah needs to think about their relationship whether it is the kind of relationship she really wants.

If she feels that she would like to be with someone (who cares about her more) she needs to end this relationship.

If she wants things to work out she needs to talk to Marty and tell him the incident has upset her and she is not prepared to accept that kind of behaviour from him in the future.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship?

Give your reasons.

Positive – Marty told the truth and was honest with Hannah, he did not lie to her.

Negative – No compromise, poor communication skills, no respect.

### Scenario 2

*Katy and Jontie have been going out together for 8 months. Katy wants to have sex without using a condom because she wants to have Jonties baby. Jontie said, "No, the last thing I want is a baby". Katy said, "Then if you don't want a baby, we are finished!"*

1. Was it ok for Katy to suggest having sex without using a condom?

Yes it was ok for Katy to suggest sex without using a condom because she was being honest and she gave her reasons for the suggestion. However, it was still irresponsible because either of them could have had a STI and pass it on to the other person. They both need to discuss this issue more before they decided to have sex without a condom. They should both consider going for a check-up they could order a free home chlamydia test. By visiting [www.embracewolverhampton.nhs.uk](http://www.embracewolverhampton.nhs.uk) to order their kit. The kits are discreetly packaged and fit through a standard letter box and get your

confidential result by text message or the method you choose. Alternatively they can call 01902 444444 to order a kit over the phone.

2. What should Katy have said?

Katy should have been honest with Jontie. Having a baby is a big decision and she should have talked to him about this as it is a decision they needed to make together.

They needed to talk about being tested for any STIs they might have which need treating before having unprotected sex.

3. What should Jontie do now?

Jontie was honest with Katy about not wanting a baby, although he could have said it in a kinder way. Katy had told him she would finish with him if he didn't want a baby. Jontie will need to decide if he wants to save their relationship, he needs to talk to Katy about wanting a baby. If she continues to insist she wants a baby (that he does not want), he may have to finish with her as he would be having a baby for the wrong reasons (to keep her). Having a baby will not save a failing relationship.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship? Give your reasons.

Positive – honest, truthful

Both were honest and truthful about how they felt, they both knew what they wanted. Jontie understood that he was not ready to be a father and although Katy was quite hurtful in the way she told Jontie about wanting a baby, at least she was honest with him.

Negative – no compromise, poor communication, unkind

Katy didn't want to compromise, she had poor communication skills. The way she told Jontie about what she wanted was very unkind.

### **Scenario 3**

*Jake said, "I want to have sex with you now". Carla said, "I don't want to because we haven't got a condom". Jake said, "Don't worry about getting pregnant; I will pull out before I cum". Carla said, "OK... but be careful".*

1. Was Jake right to expect Carla to have sex when she was clearly worried about getting pregnant?  
Yes or no – why?

No, Jake was wrong to suggest this, if he had really cared about Carla, he would not have put pressure on her in this way. They should only have sex when they have a condom. Jake did not show any respect for Carla or her feelings.

2. Was Carla right to say "yes" to Jake when she was worried?

No, Carla should not have said "yes" when she was so worried. Sex between two people should always be consensual. Carla only said yes to please Jake, she was not really making her own decisions or thinking about herself.

3. Do you think that either of them will enjoy the sex? Who and why?

It is unlikely Carla will enjoy the sex; she will be feeling scared and nervous which may make her tense. She will be thinking "please don't let me get pregnant".

Jake will probably enjoy the sex; if he cares for Carla he may be aware that she is frightened and tense. He will be thinking about “withdrawing” as he promised before he ejaculates, this could make him feel tense or affect his performance. He may of course not withdraw as promised and continue until the end. This is not good sex.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship? Give your reasons.

There are no positive elements in this scenario.

Negative – Pressure, no respect, uncaring, no compromise, selfish.

Negative – Jake put pressure on Carla to have unprotected sex, this shows he had no respect for her, he was uncaring and very selfish.

They did not discuss a way they could compromise.

#### **Scenario 4**

*Jatinder asked Jamal if he loved her. He said, “Yes of course I do”. She said, “Why don’t we have sex?” He said, “Because I want us to wait until we are married”. She said, “Well I don’t want to wait, all my friends are doing it, they’re laughing at me cus they think I’m frigid. If you really loved me, we would be doing it!” Jamal put his arms around her and said, “But I do love you”.*

1. Was Jatinder right thinking Jamal didn’t love her, because they were not having sex?

No, she was not right to think this. Having sex with someone is not the only way someone shows their love. In this scenario, Jamal is not having sex with Jatinder because he wants her to feel loved and respected by him. He wants sex to be something special and wants to save it for when they are married.

2. Why did Jatinder want to have sex with Jamal? Was this a good reason?

Jatinder was being pressured by her friends to have sex. This is called peer pressure and should not be listened to, especially if the person is being put under pressure to do something that is wrong or risky. Statistics reveal that whilst young people talk about sex a lot only a small percentage of them are actually having sex. They want their friends to do ‘it’, so they can learn what it is like, however they are not the ones risking getting pregnant or catching a STI. They hope those who do have sex will tell the others all about it.

3. What else could Jamal have said to Jatinder to reassure her?

There is very little more he could have done except to keep reassuring her he loves her.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship?

Give your reasons.

Positive – communication, love, respect, caring, respect

Negative – Pressure, no compromise, selfish.

The relationship is a positive loving one. They both should respect each other’s feelings and think of all the strengths their relationship has. They will both know when the time is right for them.

#### **Scenario 5**

*Joel and Justin have been partners for 11 months. When they had sex, they never used condoms. Joel heard from a friend that Justin had a one night stand with another man. He was very angry with Justin.*

1. Why do think Joel was angry? What might he be worried about? Joel might be worried that Justin is looking for another partner, because he is unhappy with him and he is going to end their relationship. He would be angry because Justin had betrayed him by having a one night stand. Joel might be worried that Justin had had unprotected sex and by doing so he has put them both at risk of catching a STI.
2. What should Joel do? Give your reasons.

Joel needs to talk to Justin about this; he needs to find out if it is true (People do tell lies about each other). He also needs to find out why Justin has had a one night stand, and if they used a condom.

3. What should Justin have done? Give your reasons. Justin should admit to Joel he has had a one night stand with another man. He could explain why he did it, and apologise.

He could say whether they used condoms, and if they didn't they should consider going to be tested for STIs before having sex with each other again. Justin needs to listen to what Joel has to say and try to understand how Joel is feeling and tell him how it has made him feel too.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship? Give your reasons.

Positive – Justin and Joel have been together for 11 months and this could be a relationship that may be worth trying to save after so long.

Negative – no respect, lack of trust, communication, dishonest, untruthful, uncaring, selfish, unkind.

After 11 months it would be hoped that communication was good between Joel and Justin and they would be able to talk about the issues that had occurred, sort them out and move on if that is what they both want.

## **Scenario 6**

*Beckie and Kerry have been partners for 17 months. They had sex regularly. Beckie heard from a friend that Kerry had a one night stand with another woman, she was very angry about this.*

1. Why do think Beckie was angry? What was she worried about? Beckie might be worried that Kerry is looking for another partner, because she is unhappy with her and she is going to end their relationship. She would be angry because Kerry had betrayed her and had not told her about the one night stand. Beckie might be worried that Kerry had had unprotected sex and by doing so she may have put them both at risk of catching a STI.
2. What should Beckie do? Give your reasons.

Beckie needs to talk to Kerry about this, she needs to find out if it is true (people do tell lies about each other). She also needs to find out why Kerry has had a one night stand, and if they used a condom.

3. What should Kerry have done? Give your reasons.

Kerry should admit to Beckie she has had a one night stand with another woman. She could explain why she did it, and apologise. She could say whether they used condoms, and if they didn't, they should both consider going to be tested for STIs before having sex with each other again. Kerry

needs to listen to what Beckie has to say and try to understand how Beckie is feeling and tell her how it has made her feel too.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship? Give your reasons.

Positive – Kerry and Beckie have been together for 17 months and this could be a relationship that may be worth trying to save after so long.

Negative – no respect, lack of trust, communication, dishonest, untruthful, uncaring, selfish, unkind.

After 17 months it would be hoped that communication between them was good and they would be able to talk about the issues that had occurred, sort them out and move on if that is what they both want.

### **Scenario 7**

*Tom and Maddi had been partners for 14 months. They had sex regularly.*

*Tom heard from a friend that Maddi had a one night stand with another man, he was very angry about this.*

1. Why do you think Tom was angry about this? What would he be worried about?

Tom would be angry to think that Maddi had betrayed him and had sex with another guy. He would feel hurt and let down. Tom might be worried that Maddi is looking for another partner, because she is unhappy with him and she is going to end their relationship. He would be angry because Maddi had betrayed him and had not told him about the one night stand. Tom might be worried that Maddi had unprotected sex and by doing so she may have put them both at risk of catching a STI. He would also be angry about the way he found out, he would probably have preferred Maddi to have told him.

2. What should Tom do? Give your reasons.

Tom needs to talk to Maddi to find out if it was true. If it was true he needs to try to find out why she did it? Was it because she's unhappy with their relationship or was it because she likes the guy? Was she drunk when it happened or did this other guy force her to have sex? He also needs to find out if they used a condom.

3. What should Maddi do? Give your reasons.

Maddi needs to be honest and calm when she talks to Tom. She could

explain why she did it she will also need to say that she is sorry for having sex with someone else and sorry that she did not tell him herself.

If this was a sign that she is very unhappy in the relationship she needs to end it by telling Tom that it is over. If it is not then she needs to ask Tom to forgive her and ask if he feels they have a future together after this. She could say whether they used condoms, and if they didn't, they should both consider going to be tested for STIs before having sex with each other again. Maddi needs to listen to what Tom has to say and try to understand how Maddi is feeling and tell him how it has made her feel too.

4. What are the positive and negative qualities within this relationship? Give your reasons?

Positive – Tom and Maddi have been together for 14 months and this is a long time to have a relationship. This could be a relationship that may be worth trying to save after so long if that is what they both want.

Negative – lack of trust, dishonesty, lack of communication, hurt, anger.

After 14 months it would be hoped that communication between them was good and they would be able to talk about the issues that had occurred, sort them out and move on if that is what they both want.