

Supplementary File:

Table S1: Towards a practical classification of partner types: Interim stage

Partner label/ name	Established partner		New Partner			Occasional partner		One-off partner	Sex worker
	Married Committed	Main Partner Serious Partner Stable Long term	Steady	Girlfriend Boyfriend	Dating Going Out	Friends with benefits	Fuck buddies Booty calls	Super casual Hook up Meet One-night stand	
Categories of partner from the initial matrix (Figure 1)									
Key factors differentiating partner types (from Figure 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high chance of reinfection • Low chance of onward transmission to others • High chance of expectations of sexual exclusivity • Very high chance of sex again • Enduring deep emotional connection • Longer term relationship • Highly contactable • High likelihood of small assortative sexual mixing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High chance of reinfection • Some chance of onward transmission • High chance of sex again • Developing emotional connection • Developing time frame for the relationship • Highly contactable • High likelihood of small assortative sexual mixing 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High chance of reinfection • Some chance of onward transmission • High chance of sex again • Stable emotional connection • Potentially enduring relationships • Highly contactable • Stable relationship • Highly contactable 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low chance of reinfection • High chance of onward transmission • Low perception of sexual exclusivity • Low likelihood of sex again • Little emotional connection • Short or fleeting relationships • Potentially contactable • High likelihood of large disassortative sexual mixing within a large sexual network 	
Further explanatory notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be primary partner – spouse/civil partner wife/husband • Could be secondary partner-include someone's long term 'affair' • High likelihood of stable relationship • Regular sex • Future orientation – will have a significant past • Potential co-habiting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost always sex on more than one occasion • Future orientation – may or may not have much of a past • Growing emotional connection • High likelihood of a labile relationship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex at least on more than one occasion • Anticipation of sex again • No relationship potential • Sex intermittent/irregular • Non-romantic emotional connection • Sex for pleasure • Between other kinds of partners • Sporadic • Sex with eyes • Concurrent • Some likelihood of stable relationships 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One occasion only • No anticipation of sex again • No past no future • Little/no emotional connection • Recreational Sex • High likelihood of labile relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex in return for money or services/goods

Legend for Table S1: The first row of the table shows the condensed, five-type partner typology, with the second row illustrating how they relate to the 'original' eight partner types described in Figure 1. The third row summarises the spectrum of issues detailed in Figure 1.