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Reason	Illustrative Interview Quotation
Lack of a partner/not in a relationship	I would like to have a family and I was about 38–39 and hadn’t met somebody. (Ellen, 45 years)
In a relationship with a man who didn’t want to have children	<p>The fact that I was in a relationship with somebody who was giving, well possibly, signals that they weren’t going to want children. (Rachel, 34 years)</p> <p>I was in a long-term relationship and I was really happy about that but he certainly wasn’t ready for children... and you know sort of read all these horror stories about leaving it too late so you know thought well if I can afford it [egg freezing] then why wouldn’t I do it? (Livvy, 37 years)</p>
In a new relationship which needed time to develop before considering having a child	<p>I had only just started in a relationship with a guy and we hadn’t been together very long and I didn’t want or wait two or three years to see if we were going to be a couple. (Mary, 49 years)</p> <p>What initially prompted me to do it was that I was getting to my late thirties, I had got divorced and I had a new relationship but we weren’t necessarily ready to think about that kind of commitment. So, it [egg freezing] was something I thought maybe for the future. I will just have these in the bank kind of thing. (Emily, 44 years)</p>

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Unsure about potential longevity of current partnership	My sister she went through thee IVF attempts the third one succeeded and she is older than me and I saw how going through that process put pressure on her relationship and I thought maybe I should take this more seriously and also at the time I was not sure if the relationship I was in was one I wanted to be in long term. (Catrine, 34 years)