**ADDITIONAL FILE 3** – Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ) checklist

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| **Topic**  | **Item No.**  | **Guide Questions/Description**  | **Reported on Page No.**  |
| **Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity**  |   |   |   |
| *Personal characteristics*  |   |   |   |
| Interviewer/facilitator  | 1  | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?  |  6 |
| Credentials  | 2  | What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g. PhD, MD  |  6 |
| Occupation  | 3  | What was their occupation at the time of the study?  |  6 |
| Gender  | 4  | Was the researcher male or female?  |  6 |
| Experience and training  | 5  | What experience or training did the researcher have?  |  N/A |
| *Relationship with participants*  |   |   |   |
| Relationship established  | 6  | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?  |  6 |
| Participant knowledge of the interviewer  | 7  | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research  |  6 |
| Interviewer characteristics  | 8  | What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic  |  N/A |
| **Domain 2: Study design**  |   |   |   |
| *Theoretical framework*  |   |   |   |
| Methodological orientation and Theory  | 9  | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis  |  8 |
| *Participant selection*  |   |   |   |
| Sampling  | 10  | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball  |  4 |
| Method of approach  | 11  | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email  |  6-7 |
| Sample size  | 12  | How many participants were in the study?  |  9 |
| Non-participation  | 13  | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?  |  9 |
| *Setting*  |   |   |   |
| Setting of data collection  | 14  | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace  |  7 |
| Presence of non-participants  | 15  | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?  |  7 |
| Description of sample  | 16  | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date  |  9, table 1 |
| *Data collection*  |   |   |   |
| Interview guide  | 17  | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?  |  6, add. file 2 |
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| Repeat interviews  | 18  | Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?  |  N/A |
| Audio/visual recording  | 19  | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?  |  6,7 |
| Field notes  | 20  | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?  |  7 |
| Duration  | 21  | What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?  |  7 |
| Data saturation  | 22  | Was data saturation discussed?  |  4, 19 |
| Transcripts returned  | 23  | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?  |  N/A |
| **Domain 3: analysis and findings**  |   |   |   |
| *Data analysis*  |   |   |   |
| Number of data coders  | 24  | How many data coders coded the data?  |  8 |
| Description of the coding tree  | 25  | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?  |  8 |
| Derivation of themes  | 26  | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?  |  8 |
| Software  | 27  | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?  |  8 |
| Participant checking  | 28  | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?  |  N/A |
| *Reporting*  |   |   |   |
| Quotations presented  | 29  | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number  |  10-15 |
| Data and findings consistent  | 30  | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?  |  10-15 |
| Clarity of major themes  | 31  | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?  |  10-15 |
| Clarity of minor themes  | 32  | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?  |  10-15 |

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