**Table S1b** Research themes and questions for healthcare providers

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| **Focus** | **Theme** | **Key research questions** |
| Perception of cognitive dysfunction and its relationship to MDD | Belief system around MDD and cognitive dysfunction | * How do MHPs think about the relationship between mood and cognition?
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| Perception of impact of cognitive dysfunction on patients’ lives | * What do MHPs see as the biggest problems for those of their patients who experience cognitive dysfunction?
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| Attitude towards sickness absence and return to work | * What is the outlook of MHPs on sickness absence and return to work, and how much emphasis do they place on cognitive dysfunction in thinking about this?
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| Clinical practices around cognitive dysfunction and MDD | Identifying and evaluating cognitive dysfunction | * How do MHPs identify cognitive dysfunction among their MDD patients?
* How, if at all, do they attempt to measure cognitive functioning?
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| Discussing and advising on cognitive dysfunction with patients | * What are the issues around talking to patients about their cognitive functioning?
* What vocabulary is used to discuss cognition in the clinic?
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| Role of cognitive dysfunction in MDD treatment approach | * How does cognitive dysfunction factor into overall decision-making about treatment?
* What cognitive impact do MHPs believe existing drugs to have?
* What, if any, specific treatment options are recommended for cognitive dysfunction?
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| MDD, major depressive disorder; MHP, mental health professional. |