

Additional file 1: COREQ Checklist

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No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on page No.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	5
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i>	-
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	1
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	1
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	5
Relationship with participants		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	5
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? <i>e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i>	5
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>	5

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Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? <i>e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	4
Participant selection		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	4
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? <i>e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	4-5
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	6
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	6
Setting		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? <i>e.g. home, clinic, workplace</i>	5
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	5
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>	6-7
Data collection		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	5
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	5
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	5

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20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	5
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	7
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	7
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	5
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	5
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	5
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	5-6
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	6
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	6
Reporting		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? <i>e.g. participant number</i>	9-20
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	9-20
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	9-20
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	9-20