Additional File 2 Overview of Delphi process

Outcome list identified by systematic review

Outcome list sent to Study Advisory Group for review . Outcomes list finalised and agreed by SAG

SAG asked to complete round 1 and add any other outcomes that they think should be included but which have not been identified in the review.

Clinical lead at UK cleft centres identified and asked to provide contact details of relevant clinicians.

Invitation sent to relevant clinicians in UK cleft centres which includes link to the Delphi and the initial registration.

Upon registration participants are allocated a unique identifier to enable tracking of attrition. Participant ID also logged against clinical role to identify stakeholder groups

Round 1

Participants shown the list of outcomes and asked to add outcomes that they think are important. Participants asked to score entire list.

Analysis of round 1.
Review of response rate for each stakeholder group

Round 2

Information collated for each stakeholder group. Results sent to participants asking them if they wish to re-score any of the outcomes together with "should this outcome be included in the core outcome set".

Analysis of round 2.

Round 3

Results sent to all participants showing the responses for each stakeholder group including results from patient interviews. Participants will then be asked to re-score all outcomes and state whether they should be included in a core outcome set.

Consensus Meeting

Final consensus meeting of clinicians together with participants of the qualitative study.