

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

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No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>		
1. Inter viewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	See Manuscript p6
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials?	MSc
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Mental Health Nurse
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Female
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	MSc Clinical Research; extensive clinical experience; interview techniques.
<i>Relationship with participants</i>		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	No
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Professional role – mental health nurse, researcher role in this study
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	None reported. Researcher was also a mental health nurse.
Domain 2: study design		
<i>Theoretical framework</i>		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Descriptive, inductive phenomenological approach.
<i>Participant selection</i>		

10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	See manuscript p8; purposive sample
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	See manuscript p5
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	See manuscript p8
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	See manuscript p8
<i>Setting</i>		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	See manuscript p6
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	No
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	See manuscript p8
<i>Data collection</i>		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Guide not attached. Guide was pilot tested.
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	See manuscript p6
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Yes
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	See manuscript p6
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	No
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	See manuscript p6
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
<i>Data analysis</i>		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	See manuscript p7
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	No
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Derived from data
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVIVO version 11
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No
<i>Reporting</i>		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each	Yes

	quotation identified? e.g. participant number	
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Yes
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	See manuscript: Table 4 p16
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	See manuscript