

Appendix A.

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ)⁹: 32-item checklist

No Item	Guide questions/description	Location within paper
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Page 10
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Page 10
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page 10
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Page 10
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Page 10
Relationship with participants		Page 7
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Page 7
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Supplementary files, participant information and consent forms, page 10
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Page 10
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		

9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Page 13
Participant selection		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Page 8, 10
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Page 8, 10
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Page 8, 10
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Figure 1, page 8
14. Setting	Setting of data collection Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Page 7-8
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Page 11
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Table 2, page 12
Data collection		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Appendix B, Appendix C
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	NA
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Page 10
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page 10
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Page 11

22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Page 5
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Page 13
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Figure 2
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Page 13
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Page 13
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Page 13
Reporting		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Page 14-20
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Page 14-20
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Figure 2
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Page 14-20