

COREQ (COnsolidated criteria for REporting Qualitative research) Checklist:

32-item checklist

A checklist of items that should be included in reports of qualitative research. You must report the page number in your manuscript where you consider each of the items listed in this checklist. If you have not included this information, either revise your manuscript accordingly before submitting or note N/A.

Topic	Item No.	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page No.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Page 6 (Methods; Sampling and Recruitment)
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and Theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Page 8 (Methods; Methodological and theoretical approach)
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Page 6 (Methods; Sampling and Recruitment)
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Page 6 (Methods; Sampling and Recruitment)
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	Page 9 (Results), Page 29 (Table 1) &

			Supplementary file S4, Study Flow.
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Supplementary file S4, Study Flow.
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Page 9 (Results) & Page 29 (Table 1)
<i>Data collection</i>			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection) & Supplementary file S2, Interview topic guide.
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No repeat interviews were carried out.
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Duration	21	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Page 10 (Results)
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	Page 8 (Methods; Analysis)
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Transcripts were not returned to participants for comment or correction.
Domain 3: Analysis and findings			
<i>Data analysis</i>			
Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	Page 8 - 9 (Methods; Analysis; Rigour & Reflexivity)
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Page 8 (Methods; Analysis)
Derivation of themes	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Page 8 (Methods; Analysis)
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Page 7 (Methods; Data Collection)
Participant checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No they did not, however a PPI member is part of the authorship team.
<i>Reporting</i>			
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Pages 10-16 (Results) and Pages 30-33 (Table 2)

Data and findings consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Pages 10-16 (Results) and Pages 30-33 (Table 2)
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Pages 10-16 (Results), Pages 16-21 (Discussion) & Supplementary File S3 (Thematic map)
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Pages 10-16 (Results), Pages 16-21 (Discussion) & Supplementary File S3 (Thematic map)