

POPPY study
Topic guide for interviews with healthcare professionals

1. HCPs' experience of pain management services for older people

- 1.1 Describe your experience of working in/referring to pain management services for older people, those with comorbidities and with frailty
- 1.2. What pain services are available in your area (i.e. within tertiary centres, secondary care, primary care)?
- 1.4 How effective do you think current pain services are for older people?
- 1.5 How effective do you think pain management programmes, or psychological therapies are for older people?

2. HCPs' perceived barriers and facilitators for older people accessing pain management

- 2.1 What factors may currently prevent older people, those with comorbidities and with frailty being referred to pain services?
- 2.2 What factors may facilitate older people's access/ referral to pain services?
- 2.3 What factors may prevent older people from attending pain services?
- 2.4 What factors may facilitate older people's attendance in pain services?

3. Providing pain services for older people with frailty

- 3.1 What factors need to be considered in developing services for older people with comorbidities and with frailty?
- 3.2 What would be the key components of pain services for older people, those with comorbidities and with frailty?
- 3.3 What would be the key components of a pain management programme for older people, those with comorbidities and with frailty?
- 3.4 What might be the similarities and differences between pain services for older people and pain services for younger people/without frailty?

4. Tailoring to older people, those with co-morbidities and frailty

- 4.1. What information would commissioners need to know when developing/funding pain services for older people, those with co-morbidities and frailty?
- 4.2. What extra training would HCPs need?
- 4.3. What other services need to be involved/linked in and how (e.g. medical specialities)?

5. Improving accessibility

- 4.3. What additional resources are needed to improve accessibility (e.g. written document font/braille, alternative formats-audible, other languages?)
- 4.4. What services in the community could link with NHS services and how can they support accessibility?

6. Vignettes

- 6.1. After reading the vignettes, how would you manage Patient X? (explain)
- 6.2. How would you manage Patient Y? (explain)

7. General comments

- 7.1. Do you have any additional comments to make?