

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. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Not relevant
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Will be listed on publication
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Will be listed on publication
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Reported on page 5 under reflexivity
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Reported on page 5 under reflexivity
<i>Relationship with participants</i>		Not relevant
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Not relevant
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Participants identified in the documents, were informed about who the researchers are and the aim of the study. Mentioned in page 9 under 4.3 Ethical considerations.
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Not relevant

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	Design is described in page 4 under Design
<i>Participant selection</i>		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Sample is described in page 5-6 under 4.2 Design and Sample
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Not relevant
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Described in page 5-8 under Sample and Data Collection and in table 1
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	2- described in page 9 under Ethical considerations
<i>Setting</i>		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Not relevant
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Not relevant
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Described in page 12-13 under Characteristics of study sample, and table 3
<i>Data collection</i>		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Not relevant
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	Not relevant
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Not relevant

20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Not relevant
21. Duration	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?	Not relevant
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Not relevant
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Not relevant
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
<i>Data analysis</i>		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	1- Described in page 10-11, under Analysis
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Not relevant for thematic analysis
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Analysis described in page 10-11 under Analysis
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVIVO 2020 - described in page 10 under Analysis
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 quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Yes- in pages 11 table 2 and in pages 14-19, under 5 Presentation of the results
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?	Yes- in page 11 under Analysis, in diagram 1 and in pages 14-19, under Presentation of the results
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Not relevant when using thematic analysis.