

**COREQ 32-ITEM CHECKLIST**

- Tong A, Sainsbury P, Craig J. (2007) Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups. International Journal for Quality in Healthcare: 19:349 – 357

| No. Item                                      | Guide questions/description                                           | Reported on Page # |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity       |                                                                       |                    |
| 1. Interviewer/facilitator                    | Which author/s conducted the interview?                               | Acknowledgements   |
| 2. Credentials                                | What were the researcher's credentials?                               | 6, 19              |
| 3. Occupation                                 | What was their occupation at the time of the study?                   | 6                  |
| 4. Gender                                     | Was the researcher male or female?                                    | 6                  |
| 5. Experience and training                    | What experience or training did the researcher have?                  | 6, 19              |
| 6. Relationship with participants established | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?           | No                 |
| 7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer   | What did the participants know about the researcher?                  | No                 |
| 8. Interviewer characteristics                | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? | 6                  |
| Domain 2: study design                        |                                                                       |                    |
| 9. Methodological orientation and Theory      | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study?     | 5                  |
| 10. Sampling                                  | How were participants selected?                                       | 6                  |
| 11. Method of approach                        | How were participants approached?                                     | 6                  |
| 12. Sample size                               | How many participants were in the study?                              | 7                  |
| 13. Non-participation                         | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?       | n/a (none refused) |
| 14. Setting of data collection                | Where was the data collected?                                         | 5-6                |
| 15. Presence of non-participants              | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?     | no                 |

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| 16. Description of sample              | What are the important characteristics of the sample?                                                   | 7 (Table 2)           |
| 17. Interview guide                    | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors?                                                | 6 (Additional file 2) |
| 18. Repeat interviews                  | Were repeat interviews carried out?                                                                     | No (none repeated)    |
| 19. Audio/visual recording             | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?                                     | 6                     |
| 20. Field notes                        | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview?                                                | 6                     |
| 21. Duration                           | What was the duration of the interviews?                                                                | 7                     |
| 22. Data saturation                    | Was data saturation discussed?                                                                          | no                    |
| 23. Transcripts returned               | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?                                | No (not returned)     |
| <b>Domain 3: analysis and findings</b> |                                                                                                         |                       |
| 24. Number of data coders              | How many data coders coded the data?                                                                    | 6-7                   |
| 25. Description of the coding tree     | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree (codebook)?                                        | 6 (Additional file 3) |
| 26. Derivation of themes               | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?                                             | 7                     |
| 27. Software                           | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?                                              | 6                     |
| 28. Participant checking               | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?                                                      | no                    |
| 29. Quotations presented               | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? | 8-16                  |
| 30. Data and findings consistent       | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?                                      | 8-16                  |
| 31. Clarity of major themes            | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?                                                    | 7-16 (Figure 1)       |
| 32. Clarity of minor themes            | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?                                  | 8-16                  |