

Supplementary Table S1. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

Item No	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1. Interviewer/ facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Pg 8
2. Credentials	What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g., PhD, MD	Pg 7
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Pg 7
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	N/A
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Pg 7
Relationship with participants		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Pg 5
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research?	Pg 7
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Pg 7
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	Pg 3-7
Participant selection		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Pg 7
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Pg 7

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12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Pg 10
13. Non-participation Setting	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	N/A
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g., home, clinic, workplace	Pg 8
15. Presence of nonparticipants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Pg 8
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Pg 7
Data collection		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, and guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Pg 7-8
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Pg 7-8
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Pg 8
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Pg. 8
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Pg 8
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Pg 9
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Pg 8
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Pg 9
25. Description of the coding tree	Did the authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Pg 9
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Pg 9
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Pg 9
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Pg 8
Reporting		

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29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number	Pg 12-22
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Pg 10-22
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Pg 12-22
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or a discussion of minor themes?	Pg N/A