

## Topic guide

### 1. Haemodialysis background:

Please tell me your haemodialysis story/narrative

More specific questions if not answered:

How do you find HD?

How long have you had HD for?

What type of RRT have you had before?

Is there a plan for a kidney transplant?

What are your biggest fears about haemodialysis?

Do you like to have your HD in the same chair/bed space?

### 2. HD community

Tell me about the haemodialysis community

How do you view your relationships with the other patients you dialyse with?

Have you developed any friendships?

### 3. Bereavement

Have you ever experienced the death of a fellow patient? Empty bed vs death on the HD unit

If so, how did this affect you?

Please tell me more about this

(Survivor guilt? Bereavement reaction present)

### 4. Patients own feelings and engagement with treatment

How has the loss of a fellow patient affected your relationship with haemodialysis?

How does this make you feel?

Who do you share your thoughts with?

### 5. OKU bereavement policy

What do you think about how the unit currently informs HD patients of a death of a fellow patient?

How could/should this be done differently (if at all)?

How would you like the unit to inform your fellow patients of your death?