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?