

Researcher profiles

All individuals who conducted the interviews (DE, CO, LR, MJ, JLD, SP, KNLA) have extensive experience of the application of qualitative research methods to improve the design and conduct of health services research, and each have PhDs in health-related fields using qualitative methods. All researchers are based at the University of Bristol, and are members of the [QuinteT](#) research group (which uses qualitative research methods to optimise recruitment and informed consent to randomised controlled trials, many of which are surgical) and of the [Centre for Surgical Research](#) (which aims to improve the surgical evidence base, and subsequently patient care, through high quality multidisciplinary research). [JLD](#) is a Professor of Social Medicine. [DE](#) is a Research Fellow in Qualitative Methodology Research. [LR](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Qualitative Health Sciences. [MJ](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Qualitative Health Science and Senior Research Fellow. [CO](#) is a Senior Research Associate in Health Services Research. [KNLA](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Health Services Research. [SP](#) is a Research Fellow in Qualitative Methodology Research. All researchers involved in the analysis (DE, CO, LR, MJ, JLD) have experience of conducting grounded theory methodology in multiple projects and have published their findings in peer reviewed journals (see below for examples).

Selected publications from the research team, using grounded theory approaches:

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