

Supplement 1: COREQ Checklist

| Item # | | Description | Addressed on Page: |
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| Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity | | | |
| 1 | Interviewer/facilitator | Which author(s) conducted the interview? | 5 |
| 2 | Credentials | What were the researcher's credentials? | 5 |
| 3 | Occupation | What was their occupation at the time of the study? | 5 |
| 4 | Gender | Was the researcher male or female? | 5 |
| 5 | Experience and training | What experience or training did the researcher have? | 5 |
| 6 | Relationship with participants established | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? | 5 |
| 7 | Participant knowledge of the interviewer | What did the participants know about the researcher? | 5 |
| 8 | Interviewer characteristics | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? | 5 |
| 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? | 5 |
| 11 | Method of approach | How were participants approached? | 5 |
| 12 | Sample size | How many participants were in the study? | 6 |
| 13 | Non-participation | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? | 15 |
| 14 | Setting of data collection | Where was the data collected? | 5 |
| 15 | Presence of non-participants | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? | No |
| 16 | Description of sample | What are the important characteristics of the sample? | 6 |
| 17 | Interview guide | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? | 5 |
| 18 | Repeat interviews | Were repeat interviews carried out? | No |
| 19 | Audio/visual recording | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? | 5 |
| 20 | Field notes | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview? | Yes |
| 21 | Duration | What was the duration of the interviews? | 6 |
| 22 | Data saturation | Was data saturation discussed? | 10 |
| 23 | Transcripts returned | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? | 5 |
| Domain 3: Analysis and findings | | | |
| 24 | Number of data coders | How many data coders coded the data? | 5 |
| 25 | Description of the coding tree | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? | Table 1 |
| 26 | Derivation of themes | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? | 5, 6 |
| 27 | Software | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? | 5 |

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| 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? | 6-9, 14 |
| 30 | Data and findings consistent | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? | 6-11 |
| 31 | Clarity of major themes | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? | 6-10, 14 |
| 32 | Clarity of minor themes | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? | 6-10, 14 |

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