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Semi-Structured Interview preamble and prompt sheet.

Title: Investigating Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) antenatal testing within the Tasmanian Health Service: a mixed methods study

All survey participants who have provided their contact phone numbers will be contacted by researchers (LO, JA & GBD, AN) to invite them to participate in a one-off phone interview. A suitable time for all parties will be agreed upon.

Interview protocol preamble

- Introduction: thank the participant for their time and welcome them to the study
 - Researcher to introduce themselves and their role
 - Researcher to explain the purpose of the study including reading the information and consent to the participant and state these will be audio recorded. Ask permission to turn the audio recorder on and record consent. **Turn audio recorder on**
 - Ask the participant if they have any questions- request for verbal consent
Ask the participant to introduce themselves
 - Interview will commence using the prompts outlined below.
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DRAFT Sample Interview topic and prompt guide.

These are semi-structure one to one phone interviews and each interview will vary a little from the others. Below are listed types of topics and prompts that we would like to discuss.

General:

1. Tell me a little about yourself
 - role, background, organisation?
2. This study is about HIV antenatal testing in Tasmania
 - What is your understanding of antenatal HIV testing?
 - Are you aware of any changes (policy, clinical guidelines, regulations) in how, when, where HIV testing is done in Tasmania? If yes, can you tell me a more about that?

Structural/ system:

3. Are you using a 'template' for antenatal referrals- if so which one?
 - Description? Name?
4. Are you using any pathology prompts within the practice medical software?
 - If so which one?
5. In your opinion what are the key/major system/structural barriers for HIV antenatal testing in Tasmania?
 - economic, administrative, practice and social, environmental?
6. What policies and guidelines are you aware of regarding HIV testing?

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- Are they important? How do you access them? Easy to use?

Service provision

7. How is antenatal HIV testing done?
 - what you do/how do you go about antenatal HIV testing?
 - Information to women? written/verbal?
8. Is it routinely offered to all pregnant women?
 - If no /unsure - tell me bit more about that -possible reasons?
 - If yes - tell me a bit more about that i.e. how that is done? When? Where? who? what?
9. How do you talk about/inform women about antenatal HIV testing?
10. What do you think women understand/how do you think pregnancy women understand HIV and the testing process?
11. What information is available for women?
 - From where/who/what – example?
 - what do women need know about HIV testing?
12. What support do women need
 - information they need to know?
13. Do women ask questions when being tested?
 - Can you give an example of a question?
 - Possible reasons for not being tested? Possible requests for the test?
14. How are women informed about their results?
 - What happens when it is a positive result?

Professional level:

15. What you think about routine antenatal HIV testing all pregnant women?
16. How do others/those you work with view routine antenatal HIV testing?
17. What supports that are available for healthcare professionals?
 - In-service training, information, online sources, peer to peer
 - What type of information/knowledge is important for you?
18. Is there anything that needs to be changed/added/taken away to improve testing?
 - Education, knowledge, training, peer to peer support, guidelines, timing?
19. How do you think the process of HIV testing could be improved?
 - What needs to change?
 - Stay the same?
20. How confident do you think health professionals are with using the antenatal referral template?
21. Have you noticed a change in antenatal HIV testing since the roll-out of the revised antenatal referral template?
 - Tell me about this
 - What difference has it made

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for your time

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