

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups

Table 1

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No	Item	Guide questions/description
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1.	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group? Both Authors
2.	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i> <i>First author MA, MBChB, second author PhD MBChB</i>
3.	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study? Psychiatrist and generalist doctor working in psychiatry
4.	Gender	Was the researcher male or female? Both female
5.	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have? First author has done previous qualitative projects and attended several trainings and workshops. Second author has done PhD in psychology but not previous qualitative research
Relationship with participants		
6.	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? Relationship was present with some of the participants, but otherwise relationship was not established prior to interviews.

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7.	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	<p>What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. <i>personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i></p> <p>Personal interest in research and reasons for doing it were described prior to the interviews.</p>
8.	Interviewer characteristics	<p>What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. <i>Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i></p> <p>Descriptions of interviewers experience of illness, types of work and approaches including references to publicly available written work.</p>
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
9.	Methodological orientation and Theory	<p>What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. <i>grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i></p> <p>Grounded Theory</p>
Participant selection		
10.	Sampling	<p>How were participants selected? e.g. <i>purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i></p> <p>Purposive and snowball</p>
11.	Method of approach	<p>How were participants approached? e.g. <i>face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i></p> <p>Face to face</p>
12.	Sample size	<p>How many participants were in the study?</p> <p>25</p>
13.	Non-participation	<p>How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?</p> <p>Seven refused the invitation to participate. Reasons were not sought. None dropped out.</p>
Setting		
14.	Setting of data collection	<p>Where was the data collected? e.g. <i>home, clinic, workplace</i></p> <p>In a place selected by participants. All above options were included.</p>

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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? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i> Demographic data as well as descriptions of other relevant aspects of the participants such as type of work they do.
Data collection		
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? There was not pilot testing. Interview approach is described in the methods section
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many? 3 repeat interviews were carried out.
19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? Data was audio recorded.
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group? N/A
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group? Variable. From 50 minutes to 2 interviews of up to 90 minutes.
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed? No
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? Yes

Domain 3: analysis and findingsz

Data analysis

24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data? Two
25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? No
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?

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27.	Software	Derived from the data What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? Nvivo
28.	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings? They were invited to but did not respond to requests
Reporting		
29.	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Yes Was each quotation identified? e.g. <i>participant number</i> They were not identified in order to preserve confidentiality so no one person's story could be put together and identified.
30.	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? Yes
31.	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? Yes
32.	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? Yes