

Before commencing Interview:

Ensure have completed consent forms, discussed recording interview and anonymisation of data.

Check staff members are happy to start focus group and inform you will turn audio recorder on.

Introductions:

I'm sure some of you know each other already but it would be really beneficial for me if you could introduce yourselves, give your job title and a brief description of your role in preoperative assessment.

Usual Care Questions:

1. Could you talk me through the preoperative care pathway for individuals undergoing primary hip or knee arthroplasty?

Prompts:

Is that right from the first contact with the patient?

Is there anything that any of you do with or for patients that hasn't been covered?

2. Do you do any kind of preoperative alcohol screening, if so can you tell me about it?

Prompts:

when/how?

How do patients respond to being asked about alcohol?

What about other health behaviours?

Are there any specific issues or concerns about conducting such screening with older orthopaedic patients?

3. What happens as a result of screening, for example if a patient screens positive?

Prompts:

Do they get given any information?

What about if they screen negative?

Perceptions of Current Status Questions:

1. How do you feel about the current approach to preoperative alcohol screening?

Prompts:

Is screening important? If so why?

Should we be doing more?

Is this the right time to be asking about alcohol use?

Are there any specific issues or concerns about conducting such screening with older orthopaedic patients?

2. What are your thoughts about conducting behavioural interventions as part of preoperative assessment?

Prompts:

Is that specific to alcohol interventions or any intervention?

From your experience would you expect any differences when dealing with older orthopaedic patients compared to other patient groups?

3. Have any of you been involved in any behavioural interventions during preoperative care?

Prompts:

If so what for/how did you find that?

Closing Questions

1. Is there anything else that we should consider when looking at alcohol screening and behavioural interventions with older orthopaedic populations?
2. Does anyone have anything that they would like to add or anything that you think we should have talked about today?

To close the session:

Turn off recorder.

Thank the staff members for giving up their time to take part and for providing useful insight.

Remind that data will be used to inform future trial and may be used in publications but will be transcribed and anonymised so they are unidentifiable

Ask if they have any questions