

OPEN STUDY

QUALITATIVE SUB-STUDY

Draft Qualitative Interview Topic Guide – Staff

The interview schedule is developmental. The questions will need to be tailored to the specific answers of each interviewee. As analysis proceeds and findings need to be further explored, question areas may be modified or new ones introduced. The interview schedule given here is therefore a general topic guide for the one-to-one qualitative interviews.

Introduction

Interviewee consent – discuss participant’s consent to be interviewed:

- Check participant is happy to go ahead with the interview
- Go through the consent form (emphasize confidentiality)
- Check participant is happy with audio recording of the interview
- Ask if there are any questions or concerns

Purpose of the study – You have been working on the OPEN trial about comparing open urethroplasty versus endoscopic urethrotomy. This interview is part of an additional study. We don’t know much about the role of staff in delivering randomised controlled trials.

Aim of the interview – We are interested in hearing your opinions about a number of things such as your practical experience of delivering the trial, how the trial has impacted on the work of the unit and your understanding of the impact on the patients involved.

Core Questions

Q1 Introduction to the trial

- How did you first hear about the trial?
 - What was your initial reaction?
 - What questions did you have?
 - What concerns did you have (if any)?

Q2 Usual practice

- Which treatments does your centre usually offer patients?
 - What factors do you feel most influence this?
 - Access to local expertise?
 - Local culture/custom and practice?
 - Evidence-base?
 - Local context/top-down directives
 - Cost considerations?
 - Has this changed over time?
- What are the factors you normally consider when recommending open urethroplasty to patients?
 - What are the key advantages and disadvantages for you?

- What are the factors you normally consider when recommending endoscopic urethrotomy to patients?
 - What are the key advantages and disadvantages for you?
- Has the trial impacted on your usual practice in any way?

Q3 Trial work

- How did the set-up of the trial go?
- How is recruitment going so far?
- How well do you feel patients are engaged and supported in the trial?
 - How effective do you feel the PIS are?
 - What are the key concerns they (or their family) raise?
 - How do you manage these?
 - What changes would you like to see to support patients' decision making more (if any)?
- How does this trial impact on your existing workload?
- How does it impact on the work of the unit as a whole?
 - Did you have enough support/time?
 - What changes would you like to support the staff more (if any)?
- Have you been involved in the delivery of other trials?
 - How does this one compare?

Q4 Closing questions

- Have there been any other aspects that you have found difficult or problematic so far?
- What can we do to improve how the trial is run?
- What changes would you like to see made?
- Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for taking part in this interview