

**Report Supplementary Material 22** Interview schedule\_health professionals

**Interview schedule – staff interview**

Thanks for meeting to talk with me about your experience of the UK FROST trial. We really want to find out about what it has been like for the surgeons/therapists involved in the trial. If you want to stop at any time for any reason then just ask me and we can stop. You are under no obligation to take part in the study. Is it OK that I record the interview? Please feel free to say anything /interrupt me when you want to.

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- What do you think patients thought about being in the trial?
- What did people feel about being in the different trial arm? (prompt for each)
- Did you notice any particular likes/dislikes/problems?
- What were the patients' expectations of the trial?
- Why do you think certain patients would opt for surgery or physiotherapy?
- What were your expectations of the trial?
- How did you feel about randomising participants/equipose to a particular treatment?
- Do you have particular preferences for treatment?
- What do you think is a good outcome from intervention for someone with a frozen shoulder?
- What sort of things would indicate the likelihood of a good outcome/bad outcome?
- What do you think about the outcome measures used in this study?
- What different ones would you use?
- Can you describe the sort of patient who might/might not benefit from (prompt for 3 arms)?
- If you were planning this trial is there anything that you would have changed?
- Are there any reasons that you would/would NOT refer someone for (prompt for all)?
- What are your expectations from each treatment (prompts for all)?
- Can you talk to me about how you would normally decide which treatment to use outside the trial?
- Can you describe the sort of patient that you would normally recommend (prompt for each trial arm)? Perhaps use a recent example of a patient who has benefitted/has not benefitted.

**Early Structured Physiotherapy intervention**

- What did patients think of the physiotherapy intervention (perhaps use an example)
- Can you describe the kind of physiotherapy that you would normally do for a person with a Frozen Shoulder and the differences with the study treatments?
- What did you think of the physiotherapy intervention/would you make any changes?
- If you were planning a physiotherapy intervention what would you put in it?

**Surgical interventions including discussion about the post-procedural physiotherapy**

- What did patients think of the surgical interventions (including post-procedural physiotherapy)?
- Can you describe the kind of surgical intervention you would normally do for a person with a Frozen Shoulder and the differences with the study interventions?
- What did you think of the surgical interventions/ would you make any changes?
- If you were planning a surgical intervention what would you put in it?

**Is there anything else that you would like to talk about?**