

Indicative topics to be addressed in qualitative data collection

Data to be collected from:

1. Peer supporter (PS)
2. General participants (all S4 non PS)
3. S4 parents
4. Teachers (inc heads / depute heads)
5. Trainers

1. PEER SUPPORTERS

Introduction

- Explain aims of discussion and ground rules
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- Complete brief demographics questionnaire - age, gender, ethnicity, exams working towards
- Establish how well group knows each other (if group)

1. Recruiting peer supporters

- When you were given the nomination questionnaire, what did you think it was about?
 - Probe how easy/hard to think of people; understanding of questions' alternative questions; ideas for other questions
- What do you think of the group of people who were chosen by this process?
 - Were you surprised by who was chosen? Why? Why not?
 - Suitability to talk about STASH/sexual health?; responsibility and diligence; reach to rest of year;
 - Why/why not?
- How did you feel about being asked to be a peer supporter? Why?
 - Probe: embarrassment; honoured; pleased. Did these feelings change over time?
 - Probe for acceptability of role
 - How did your friends react? What about parents, siblings, others?
 - If you chose not to be a Peer Supporter, why was this?
 - Why do you think others might have chosen not to be a PS
- Thinking back to the meeting when we asked you if you would like to be a peer supporter:
 - Did you understand what we were asking you to do? Anything that confused you?
 - Is the actual role different to how you thought it would be based on that meeting?
 - Why did you agree to come on the training course? (What attracted you?)
 - Did you have any worries at that time about whether to be a peer supporter?

2. Peer supporter training (will supplement training evaluation)

- Looking back, how well did you think the training prepared you for being a peer supporter?
- Did the PS training give you enough **information** about STASH/sexual health to send messages/talk to other S4 students about it?
- Was there anything missing that you would have liked to cover in the training?

- What, if any, **skills** did the training give you to send messages/talk to other S4 students about STASH/sexual health?
- Did the training give you enough **confidence** to send messages/talk to other S4 students about STASH/sexual health?

3. The STASH website / social media component

3a) About the STASH website

What did you think of the STASH website? *(Have webpage images to hand to review. Probe: positives, negatives, gaps, potential improvement)*

- How easy did you find it to log on and find your way around the website? *(Probe: What if forgotten password? Technical problems and glitches? Annoying aspects?)*
- What do you think of the design/ layout? *(Probe: Thoughts on progress feedback? Time based lock mechanism?)*
- What did you think of the terms/language used on the website? *(Probe: Was it easy to understand? Relevant/right kinds of words? Too much text?)*
- What about the use of memes, images and diagrams
What did you think of the sites that were linked to in the 'Find out more' section? *(Probe: specific sites visited, website layouts, wordiness, how easy to understand etc)*

3b). What you did and what reactions you got (Fidelity and acceptability. Re. experiences, to complement quantitative data from online questionnaire)

- Tell us about your experience of putting together your closed group on Facebook messenger? *(Probe: difficulties and challenges such as existing tensions in friendship groups; anyone want to join that you did not feel comfortable with? Did you say 'no' to anyone and why? Any changes to group once set up and why?)*
- How did you feel about the trainer being part of the group? *(Probe: impact on the way the group ran (e.g. friends reluctant to post responses because of trainer); Did you feel it helped you in anyway (e.g. deterrent to misuse?)*
- Since the peer supporter training, have you sent the messages that you were asked to send out as part of the STASH project? *(If yes, what % would you say? If no, why not?)*
- Since the peer supporter training, have you had any online/messenger conversations with other S4s about STASH/sexual health?
- Since the peer supporter training, have you had any face-to-face conversations with other S4s about STASH/sexual health?
- Which were you more comfortable with? Or worked better? *(Probe eg. that were taken more seriously, less messing around)*
- Which do you think others in the conversations were more comfortable with? Or worked better?
- How did your friends react to the messages and links? *(Probes: online and offline responses and what was said; positive and negative reactions and why; any chat about messages within and between friendship groups; questions arising.)*

- Do you think any of the messages we've discussed led to any changes in your friendship groups (*Probe e.g. attitudes, behaviours*)
- Did you start any of the offline chats? (Probe: why and why not?; how did you feel about starting a chat?; barriers and facilitators to getting offline chats going?; what discussion topics worked well, less well?; what things easy or difficult to talk about? What reactions from friends: Interest/disinterest and why? Disagreements and why? Preference for online versus offline chats?)
- Did anyone disclose any personal or sensitive information to you? (No need of details but Probe: How did you respond? Did you feel you knew what to do? If you told an adult, was that person helpful? How did YOU feel about this (confident to deal with it; upset etc))

3c) STASH 'Challenges'

- What did you think of the challenges in general? (Probe: helpful? acceptable? relevant? make you think about or do things differently?)
- Did you or your friends do any of the challenges? (*With website open Probe: Which did you do and why, and what did you think of them? Which did you not do and why? Barriers and facilitators to doing challenges? Any that made you feel uncomfortable or were not relevant?*)
- Do you think any of the challenges we've discussed led to any changes in your friendship groups (e.g. attitudes, behaviours)

3d) STASH support

- What did you think of the trainer? (*Probe: attitude, availability, approachability, clear, knowledge of sexual health, reliability*)
- What about the weekly sessions? (Probe: Which did you attend? Reasons for attending/ not attending? What, if anything, did you get out of them? Ways in which sessions could be improved? Were you able to discuss any problems/issues? If yes, what response did you get and was it helpful?)
- What about your contact teacher? To what extent have they been involved? (Probe for examples). To what extent supportive, helpful, approachable? Anything else they could do to support you that they are not currently doing?)

4. Reflections on the PS role

- How much time do you think you spent being a STASH peer supporter?
 - Think about time per week sending messages, having conversations, attending meeting,
 - Was this an acceptable amount of time? (probe around juggling this work with other commitments)

- What, if anything, did you find particularly positive about being a peer supporter? Or in what ways, if any, have you benefited?
- What, if anything, did you find particularly negative about being a peer supporter?
- Would you volunteer again for a similar role in the future? (*Probe: why?*)
- How did you find the support provided to PSs in the course of STASH, online and face-to-face?
- Did you get the support you needed to be a peer supporter? (*e.g. help with how to start conversations, solutions to problems?*)
- How did the role compare to what you expected it would be like, before you started?
- How could we improve the peer supporter role?

5. Content: Extent to which STASH addressed sex and relationships education needs of S4s

- What do you think the STASH topics addressed well / less well (*Probe: by topic*)
- Which, if any, topics did you find most relevant / had most effect on what you think? (*Probe: Any that you didn't like? Repeated from sex ed? Stuff you'd like more of?*)
- What, if any, gaps do you think there were in what was covered by STASH?
- What, if anything, might be improved on regarding the topics covered in STASH?

6. Response to STASH in S4 year group

- What things did people in your year say about the STASH intervention? Did they discuss it much? (*Probe: specific positive and negative comments? What about your friendship groups in particular?*)
- What, if any, positive effects do you think STASH had? (*Probe: differences in way people behave? re. whole year, friendship group, for them individually?*)
- Following on from this, how do these changes spread through friendships and networks?
- What, if any, negative effects do you think STASH had? (*Probe re. whole year, friendship group, for them individually?*)
- Was anyone left out of STASH? Anyone deliberately excluded? Anyone really strong about not wanting to take part? (*Probe: why? What could be done differently?*)
- Any bullying or teasing in relation to STASH? Or other disrespectful behaviour such as telling others information shared in confidence?
- Do you think there are any differences between how different groups of young people react to peer education? (eg. boys/girls, outgoing/quiet)
- What improvements might we make to the way that STASH is run?

7. Implementing STASH in schools

- From your perspective, how well did STASH fit in with day-to-day school life
- How did the reality of the STASH project as a whole compare to what you expected it would be like, prior to it starting?

- Did it raise any unexpected issues relating to day-to-day school life?
- *Peer education projects of this kind are used in other areas (e.g. smoking, anti-bullying). Do you think peer education can make a difference to the way young people aged 14-16 years behave? Why/why not?*

Close

- Are there any other issues regarding the STASH project that you would like to talk about?
- Opportunity for participant to ask questions
- Feedback on interview
- Thanks and wrap up

1. S4 STUDENT GENERAL PARTICIPANT (NON-PS) FRIENDSHIP GROUP INTERVIEWS

Introduction

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- Complete brief demographics questionnaire - age, gender, ethnicity, exams working towards
- Establish how well group knows each other (if group)

1. Recruiting peer supporters

2. How well do you think the peer nomination approach to recruitment worked? Why?
3. Do you think those who were asked to be peer supporters were really suitable to talk with other S4 students about STASH/sexual health? Why/why not?
4. Were you asked to be a peer supporter? *(If yes, probe why they decided not to)*
5. How do you think other people felt when they were not asked to be a peer supporter? Why?
6. How did you choose who to nominate as peer supporter? Did they become a peer supporter?

2 Interaction with peer supporters

7. How did you choose which peer supporter to 'sign up' with? *(Probe: someone you're friends with / spend time with in/outside school?)*
8. How did you find interactions with your peer supporter:
 - a. When they forwarded the STASH messages?
 - b. When you sent any messages back to them via social media?
 - c. When you spoke to them face-to-face about the STASH topics?
9. Did you prefer online/phone or face-to-face communication about STASH? Why?
10. How do you think your peer supporter managed the role?
11. Would you volunteer for a similar role in the future, if you were nominated? *(Probe: why?)*
12. From your point of view, how could we improve the peer supporter role?

3. Content / Extent to which STASH addressed sex and relationships education needs of S4s

- What do you think the STASH topics addressed well / less well *(Probe: by topic)*
- What, if any, gaps do you think there were in what was covered by STASH?
- Which do you think were the best topics / messages? *(Probe: why, detail)*
- Which, if any, of the topics did you find easiest to send talk about?
- Which, if any, of the topics did you find most difficult to talk about?

- What, if anything, might be improved on regarding the topics covered in STASH?
- What did you think of the challenges in general? (Probe: helpful? acceptable? relevant? make you think about or do things differently?)
- Did you or your friends do any of the challenges? (*With website open Probe: Which did you do and why, and what did you think of them? Which did you not do and why? Barriers and facilitators to doing challenges? Any that made you feel uncomfortable or were not relevant?*)
- Do you think any of the challenges we've discussed led to any changes in your friendship groups (e.g. attitudes, behaviours)
- From your perspective, how well did the social media part of STASH work? (*Probe: receiving messages, chat topics, 'do' suggestions*)
- Any particularly positive outcomes?
- Any negative outcomes, difficulties, challenges?
- What, if anything, could be improved on regarding the social media component of STASH?

4. S4 response to the intervention and evaluation

- How involved did you get in STASH? (*Probe re reasons for high or low engagement*)
- What were the best and worst parts of STASH? (*probe re different aspects of project*)
- How do you think your year as a whole found taking part in STASH?
- How do you think your peer/friendship group found taking part in STASH?
- What, if any, positive effects do you think STASH has had? (*Probe re. whole year, friendship group, for them individually?*)
- What, if any, negative effects do you think STASH has had? (*Probe re. whole year, friendship group, for them individually?*)
- Was anyone left out of STASH? (*Probe: why? What could be done differently?*)
- What could be improved on regarding the topics/content of STASH?
- What did you think of the STASH questionnaire? (*probe: length, acceptability of questions, concerns about privacy, comprehension etc*)

5. Implementing STASH in schools

- From your perspective, how well did STASH fit in with day-to-day school life?
- How did the reality of the STASH project as a whole compare to what you expected it would be like, prior to it starting?
- Did it raise any unexpected issues relating to day-to-day school life?
- *Peer education projects of this kind are used in other areas (e.g. smoking, anti-bullying). Do you think peer education can make a difference to the way young people aged 14-16 years behave? Why/why not?*
- Do you think there are any differences between how different groups of young people react to peer education? (*eg. boys/girls, outgoing/quiet*)

Close

- Are there any other issues around the STASH project that you would like to talk about?
- Opportunity for participant to ask questions
- Feedback on interview
- Thanks and wrap up

3. S4 PARENTS

Introduction

- Explain aims of discussion and ground rules
- Ground rules (if group)
 - Be respectful, speak one at a time (when holding pen/designated object)
 - No right/wrong answers
 - Can decline/withdraw at any time
 - Keep what is discussed within group
- Check: consent completed; permission to record
- Relationship to student participating in STASH (inc. whether PS or general participant)
- Establish how well group knows each other (if group)

[Have STASH website available as discussion aide]

1. Please tell us about your view on your child's participation in STASH (general)

- Tell me what you know about STASH? (*Probe: What it's about? How it worked?*)
- Did your child talk to you about STASH? What did they say?
- What, if any, impact do you think STASH had on your child? (*Probe: any changes in the way they talked about related issues*)
- How do you think their peer group responded to the intervention?
- Any particularly positive / negative outcomes perceived? (*probe for acceptable and non-acceptable elements*)
- What could be improved regarding the experiences of individual young people taking part in STASH? (*Probe re. PS / non-PS role*)

2. Views on the PS role (If parent/guardian of a PS only)

- What did you think when you learned your child had been offered this role? (*Probe for reactions like surprise, worry, uncertainty*)
- How was the decision made to take on the role? (*Their choice or yours or together? Any hesitations? Any disagreements?*)
- At the beginning, what were your expectations about the role, (Probe: concerns; how much time it would take, content, level of responsibility, disclosure)
- How did your child cope with the peer supporter role?
- Any particularly positive / negative outcomes? (*Probe: they learned a new skill, gained confidence, were teased etc.*)
- What are your views on the support provided to PSs in the course of the intervention?
- What could be improved on regarding the peer supporter role?

3. About the intervention

- What did you think of the fact that STASH used Facebook Messenger? (*Probe for concerns, perceptions of how well this worked.*)
- What do you know about the content of STASH? (*Probe for misperceptions; provide examples of topics/messages; probe for reactions*)
- How did you feel about your child completing the STASH questionnaire?
- How well do you feel the study/school communicated to you about your child's involvement in STASH? (*Probe for ways to communicate better; Did you feel sufficiently consulted?*)
- Do you feel your level of involvement as a parent was appropriate? (*Probe: Any other ways to involve parents?*)
- Any particularly positive / negative outcomes? (*Probe: knowledge/understanding gained, time it took up etc*)
- On the whole, was the STASH project an acceptable project to be carried out in schools?

4. Perceptions post-intervention

- From your perspective, how did the reality of STASH compare to your prior expectations?

Close

- Are there any other issues regarding the STASH pilot that you wish to raise?
- Opportunity for participant to ask questions
- Feedback on interview
- Thanks and wrap up

4. TEACHERS / Heads and Deputes

Introduction

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- Check: consent completed; permission to record
- Job title and key responsibilities (including RSHP)
- Role re. STASH
- Establish what working relationship is amongst participants (if group, ie. management hierarchy etc)

[Have STASH website available as discussion aide]

1. Content / Extent to which STASH addressed sex and relationships education needs of S4s

- What topics/areas do you think it addressed well / less well (*Probe by topic*)
- What, if any, gaps did you identify in what was covered by STASH?
- What, if anything, might be improved on regarding content/subject matter?
- How well do you think STASH complements SHARE (*or other existing SRE programme if used*)

2. S4 response to the intervention

- How do you think S4s as a whole responded to STASH?
- For those who were peer supporters, how well do you think they engaged with the role? (*Probe: was it desirable, embarrassing etc*)
- General participants - how engaged do you think students were with it? (*Probe: particular groups? Why?*)
- Any particularly positive outcomes perceived? (*Probe: eg. gained knowledge, skills*)
- Any negative outcomes perceived? (*Probe eg. teasing, disruption to school*)
- Was anyone excluded from participating in STASH? (*Probe: why? What could be done differently?*)
- What could be improved on regarding response of the year group?

3. Peer supporters' response to their role

- From your perspective, how well did the peer nomination approach to recruitment work?
- How did the peer supporters cope with their role? (*Probe: time demands, coping with social aspects, new knowledge/learning, pressure to be 'experts'?*)

- Any particularly positive outcomes? (*Probe: new knowledge, skills, status etc*)
- Any negative outcomes? (*Probe: teasing, time taken up etc*)
- What are your views on the support provided to PSs in the course of the intervention? (*Probe: drop-in sessions etc.*)
- What could be improved on regarding the peer supporter role?

4. Social media component (show website)

- From your perspective, how did the social media component of STASH function? (*Probe: re. each aspect – messages, challenges etc*)
- Any particularly positive outcomes? (*Probe: eg. improved communication amongst groups/individuals; online literacy; addressing sensitive topic etc*)
- Any negative outcomes? (*Probe eg. online bullying, sharing inappropriate materials in school*)
- What could be improved on regarding the social media component of STASH?

5. Implementing STASH in schools

- From your perspective, how well did STASH integrate into day-to-day school life? (*Probe: disruption to lessons; changes in social dynamics; chat in staff room; taking up staff time*)
- What are the main barriers and facilitators to successful implementation of STASH?
- To what extent do you think there was management buy in for the project?
- Did any untoward incidents arise in school as a result of STASH?
- What did you think of the level of communication between the STASH team and the school? (*Probe: researchers and school; STASH trainers and school; impression of trainers*)
- How did the reality of STASH compare to your expectations, prior to it starting?
- Did it raise any unexpected issues relating to day-to-day school life?
- Were there any changes to sex education in school that may have affected how STASH was run or have an impact on our evaluation of it?

Close

- Are there any other issues regarding the implementation of STASH that you wish to raise?
- Opportunity for participant to ask questions
- Feedback on interview
- Thanks and wrap up

5. Trainers

Introduction

- Explain aims of interview/discussion
- Ground rules (if group)
 - No right/wrong answers
 - Can decline/withdraw at any time
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1. a. STASH Training Aims

- To what extent do you believe the aims of the training were met? [*Probe: in preparing PSs for the online component of STASH, and for face-to-face conversations; probe for each aim as per Trainer Manual*]
- Which, if any components of the training do you feel worked best? Why? [*Probe for each activity*]
- Which components do you feel were most acceptable to the Peer Supporters? Why? [*Probe for each activity*]
- Which components of the training do you feel worked least well? Why? [*Probe for each activity*]
- Which components do you feel were least acceptable to the Peer Supporters? Why? [*Probe for each activity*]
- Did you notice any activities that appeared to exclude any of the Peer Supporters? [*Probe: who? Why so you think that was?*]
- To what extent do you feel the training activities were appropriate:
 - to the age group? [*Probe for specifics*]
 - in generating group morale? [*Probe for specifics*]
 - in enthusing Peer Supporters about their role? [*Probe for specifics*]
- To what extent do you believe the training activities were provided the PSs with the necessary:
 - Skills
 - Knowledge
 - Confidence to carry out their role
- Where there any activities that you were less comfortable in delivering? [*Probe specifics, why; how could this be improved on*]
- Are there any other issues that you would like to note regarding the training content?

b. STASH Training Practicalities

- What are your views on the arrangements for the Peer Supporter training re.:
 - The venue
 - The timings
 - The accompanying teacher
 - Anything else regarding the general arrangements that you feel impacted on the training?
- Were you provided with all the materials that were necessary in conducting the training?
- Did you feel sufficiently prepared ahead of the training for your role as a STASH trainer? *[Probe suggestions for improvement]*
- Did any other issues arise in the course of the training that might impact on the success of the STASH intervention? *[Probe eg. poor group dynamics, insufficient time to address questions]*

2. a. Follow-up sessions content

- To what extent do you believe the aims of the follow-up sessions were met? *[Probe for aims, as per trainer manual]*
- To what extent do you feel they contributed to supporting PSs in delivering:
 - *the online component of STASH,*
 - *for face-to-face conversations about STASH [Probe for each follow-up session aim as per Trainer Manual]*
- Which, if any, of the follow up sessions do you feel worked best? Why? *[Probe for each session]*
- Which session(s) do you feel were most acceptable to the Peer Supporters? Why? *[Probe for each activity]*
- Which follow-up session(s) do you feel worked least well? Why? *[Probe for each session]*
- Which session(s) do you feel were least acceptable to the Peer Supporters? Why? *[Probe for each activity]*
- Did you notice any sessions that appeared to exclude any of the Peer Supporters? *[Probe: who? Why so you think that was?]*
- To what extent do you feel the follow-up sessions were appropriate:
 - In maintaining interest in STASH? *[Probe for specifics]*
 - In supporting/maintaining individual and group morale? *[Probe for specifics]*
 - In supporting the PS-Trainer relationship? *[Probe for specifics]*
- To what extent do you believe the follow-up sessions were useful in providing PSs with the necessary:
 - Skills
 - Knowledge
 - Confidence to carry out their role
- Where there any follow-up sessions that you were less comfortable in delivering? *[Probe specifics, why; how could this be improved on]*

- To what extent did you feel equipped to manage any questions from the PSs in the follow-up sessions that were:
 - Sexual health-related [*Probe: Why, specifics, examples*]
 - STASH skills-related? [*Probe: Why, specifics, examples*]
- Are there any other issues that you would like to note regarding the training content?
- Are there any aspects of the follow-up sessions that you believe could be improved upon, and if so how? [*Probe: for the trainers, for the PSs*]
- Did you feel sufficiently prepared for your role ahead of the follow-up sessions? [*Probe suggestions for improvement*]

b. Follow up session practicalities

- What are your views on the practical arrangements for the follow-up sessions re.:
 - The school's management of these
 - Their timing
 - The accompanying teacher (if applicable)
 - The involvement of young people's sexual health worker (if applicable)
 - Anything else regarding the general arrangements for the follow-up sessions that you feel impacted on their success?
- Were you provided with all the materials that were necessary for the follow-up sessions?
- Did any other issues arise in the course of the follow-up sessions that might impact on the success of the STASH intervention?

3. Online support

- To what degree were you required to provide online support for the peer supporters, via their closed Facebook discussion group?
- How many PSs explicitly requested support from you?
- Were you required to provide any unsolicited support (for example to moderate inappropriate comments)? [*Probe for details*]
- How time-consuming was this support role (on average, per week)? Was this more/less than you expected? Was this acceptable to you?
- Are there any online components of the STASH project that you think could be improved upon [*with regard to supporting the PSs, ability to communicate with them etc*]
- To what extent do you feel your membership of the online closed discussion group is an appropriate means of supporting the PSs? Do you think it had any effect on interactions within groups? [*Probe: Why?*]
- Did any issues occur in the course of moderating the PSs online communications with other S4s? How were these dealt with?
- Based on what you saw in the online moderating work that you did, what are your views on:

- The extent to which PSs engaged with STASH via Facebook [*Probe messages sent, adapted etc*]
 - The extent to which S4 general participants (non-PSs) engaged with STASH via Facebook [*Probe for level of traffic, degree of interaction, anything untoward, degree to which PS just sent messages or adapted etc*]
 - The topics which seemed to generate most/least interest
 - Aspects of the STASH website that PSs liked/disliked
- What sort of questions did the PSs raise with you? [*Probe eg. information sought, concerns?*]
 - What sort of questions did the PSs discuss in the closed PS Facebook Group? [*Probe eg. information sought, concerns?*]
 - Based on your experience, how might we improve the STASH website?
 - Did the STASH research team provide enough support to you in your role in providing online support to the PSs? [*Probe gaps, suggestions for improvement*]
 - Did any other issues arise in the course of the online support component that you think might impact on the success of the STASH intervention?

4. The STASH trial as a whole

- To what extent did you feel equipped to manage any questions put to you by PSs that were:
 - Sexual health-related [*Probe: in training, follow up, online; specifics*]
 - STASH skills-related? [*Probe: in training, follow up, online specifics?*]
- Were any of the aspects of the role not acceptable to you? [*Probe why?*]
- From what you've seen, to what extent do you think the STASH model is a good way of addressing young people's sexual health needs / supporting existing sex education in schools? [*Probe why?*]
- Overall, what is your opinion on the:
 - Training content
 - Website content
 - The enthusiasm/motivation of PSs [*Probe areas for improvement*]

Close

- Are there any other issues regarding the implementation of STASH that you wish to raise?
- Opportunity for participant to ask questions
- Feedback on interview
- Thanks and wrap up