Table S1. Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ): 32-item Checklist

No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Page 3
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? e.g., PhD, MD	Page 3
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page 3
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Page 3
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Page 3
Relationship with participants		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Page 4 .
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g., personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Page 4
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g., Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Page 4
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g., grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Page 3
Participant selection		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Page 3
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Page 3
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Page 3
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	NA
Setting		

14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g., home, clinic, workplace	Page 3
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Page 3
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g., demographic data, date	Page 4
Data collection		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	page 3
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	NA
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Page 3
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page 3
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Page 3
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	NA
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	NA
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Page 3
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Page 5 & 6
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Page 5 & 6
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Page 3
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	NA
Reporting		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number	Page 5 & 6
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Page 5 & 6
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Page 5 & 6

32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Page 5 & 6

Note. NA = not applicable.

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