

# NATTINA Qualitative Process Evaluation Topic Guide

## NATTINA Patients

- Expectations of participating in NATTINA?
  - I'd like to ask you about being invited to take part in NATTINA. Can you tell me how you were first informed about the trial?
  - Who was there?
  - What else was going on in the appointment?
  - Can you remember what they said?
  - Can you remember what your first reaction was?
  - Can you tell me what you understand the study to be about?
  
- Motivations for participating in NATTINA?
  - Can you tell me why you agreed to take part in the study?
  - How did you make your decision?
  - When did you make your final decision?
  - What things were important to you?
  - What might have made you say no?
  - Did you speak to other people about the decision? If so, who?
  - Did you find it an easy decision to make? Why (not)?
  - Have you ever been invited to part in research before? (How did that go?)
  
- Experience of participating in NATTINA?
  - Do you feel you knew enough about what you were consenting to?
  - How did you feel about being randomised to (allocated group)?
  - Can you tell me about your experience of being a participant in this study?
  - How did you find the questionnaires you were asked to complete?
  - Do you think your experience of taking part in the study could be improved in any way? If so, how?
  - How do you feel about your participation in the study now?
  
- Experience of:
  - Sore throats?
  - Tonsillitis?
  - Treatment arm (surgery or usual care)?
  
- Views on:
  - Sore throats?
  - Tonsillitis?
  - Treatments?
  
- Acceptability of treatments?

- Unforeseen consequences of involvement in NATTINA?
  
- Perceptions of research materials and procedures in the NATTINA context?
  - Do you remember being given some written information about the study?
  - What did you think about that information?
  - Was it helpful?
  - How did you use it?
  - Do you have any suggestions for how it could be improved? If so, how?
  - Would you have liked information about anything else?
  - If so, what?
  - Why was that important to you?

## DECLINING Patients

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  - Can you remember what your first reaction was?
  - Can you tell me what you understand the study to be about?
  
- Reasons for declining participating in NATTINA?
  - How did you decide whether to take part in the study?
  - How did you make your decision?
  - What things were important to you?
  - Did you speak to other people about the decision? If so, who?
  - When did you make the decision?
  - Did you find it an easy decision to make? Why (not)?
  - How did you feel about saying no?
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## ENT Staff

- Practicality and suitability of the treatments arms?
- Practicality and suitability of recruitment methods?
  - How do you think recruitment is going so far?
  - Have there been any patients who met the inclusion criteria but you felt were not appropriate for the study?
  - From your perspective, what are the facilitators and barriers to getting people/patients engaged in the study?
  - Who takes the lead in explaining the study to patients and how do you (they) go about it?
  - How else could we support recruitment?
- Practicality and suitability of research tasks?
- Practicality and suitability of randomisation?
- Barriers to treatment delivery?
- Enablers to treatment delivery?
- Acceptability of treatments (surgery v usual care)?
- Experiences treating patients who have had sore throats?
- Views on treating patients with sore throats?
- Unforeseen consequences of patient involvement in NATTINA?

## **GPs**

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