PHyT, Stage 2 and 3 Physiotherapist Topic Guide

Part A. Background

- Welcome/Introduction/ground rules/aims
- · Collect basic biographic details (age, sex, job title, year qualified)
- · Previous experience working with patients with hypermobility
- · Previous training in hypermobility?
- Usual practice? Challenges? issues?

Part B: PHyT: Impression and experiences

- · How involved have you been in PHyT [number of patients]
- · How did you first hear about the PHyT study? First impressions?

Regarding the The INFO ADVICE Session, can you tell me about the training you had —(content, appropriateness, what you needed more/less on) ?

- Content
- Timing
- Are the patients engaged
- Do the patients have a good level of understanding
- Pacing
- Subsequent treatments
- How different is this intervetion to your previous protocols for JHS

Part C: PHyT: Impressions and experiences of physio sessions

Regarding the The PHYSIO SESSIONS/WORKBOOK, Can you tell me about the training you had - (content, appropriateness, what you needed more/less on)?

- Content
- Timing and order of the sessions
- Are the patients engaged/homework
- Do the patients have a good level of understanding
- Pacing
- Subsequent treatments
- How is this different to previous treatment

FOR STAGE 3: When Phyt first started we were under the impression that both info and physio were equally as good. What is your impression? Have your views changed since starting? Why?

· Part D: PHyT: Putting it into practice

- Views on PHyT for joint hypermobility syndrome? format, content, pace, time, support
- What do you think has worked well?
- What have been the challenges –?
- How do you think these issues could be/have been overcome/solved/modified?
- What has it been like for you to take part in this study? [stage 3 only]
- Experience of conducting PHyT both arms [stage 3 only]
- Do you think the trial has been successful? [stage 3 only]

Reaction from patients regarding PHyT - some concrete examples

- Patient engagement with homework.
- Patient understanding
- Patients feedback to the phsiotherapist?
- If PHyT was to show a benefit to patients of the physiotherapy do you think that there would be any issues with it being taken up as part of standard care? Why? Implications?
- Are there any changes that would need to be implemented for it to be rolled out to standard care?
- Conversely, if PHyT demonstrated that physiotherapy is not of benefit do you think it would change practice? Why? Implications?
- Have your views about using Physio for JHS changed since starting? Why?

Close

- Is there anything that we have not talked about that you would like to raise?
- Would you like us to send you a brief report of the study's findings?

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