



## TrAFFix – Trial of Acute Femoral Fracture Fixation

### Semi-structured interview guide

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*The interviewee may be part of the main study or may have only consented for this interview.*

*The interviewee will be the patient, involved in the study or their personal consultee.*

*Consent/agreement may have been given by the patient/consultee before randomisation, or consent/agreement may have been granted after randomisation.*

*Check that the participant has given consent for digital audio recording.*

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#### Introduction

You were asked to be a part of the TrAFFix study that is researching two different ways of mending breaks at the end of the thigh bone. At the moment TrAFFix is a small study that is testing how feasible it is to do a larger study. To help us understand how easy or difficult a larger study will be, we would like to find out about your experience of being injured, having treatment and what it was like to be a part of this research.

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed. Please let me know if at any point you wish to stop. We would like to digitally audio-record these interviews and these will be typed up with your name removed so that you cannot be identified. (Discuss information sheet and consent form)

#### Interview outline: Time 1 (if two interviews)

Explore barriers, facilitators and possible improvements throughout.

Areas to explore and prompt questions:

#### Opening Questions:

- Could start by telling me a little bit about yourself?

#### Injury Experience:

- Tell me a bit about what has happened to you?
- What has it been like for you since you have been injured?

#### Trial Recruitment and Taking part in TrAFFix

- What has being in this study been like for you?

#### *Trial Recruitment Prompts*

- *Can you tell me about when you were first invited to take part in TrAFFix?*
- *How did you find out about TrAFFix?*
- *How did you find the information sheet you were given?*
- *What influenced your decision to take part in TrAFFix?*
- *Is there anything else that you would have liked to help you make your decision?*
- *Did you discuss the study with anyone? / What do your Family and friends think about you taking part?*