

UPBEAT UK Pregnancies Better Eating and Activity Trial

Qualitative In-depth Interview schedule in Phase 1: version2: March 2009

Qualitative In-depth Interview schedule with obese pregnant women in Phase 1

Please note that all interviews will begin with preliminary introductions. The researcher will reiterate consent and confidentiality promises and willingness for the interview to be tape recorded. The researcher will talk with the woman about how much time there is to carry out the interview and other interview practicalities.

Interviews will vary depending on the circumstances of the woman and the issues they raise during the interview. Language will need to be adapted to each woman according to their situation and background, however a general list of subject areas is provided below:

Tell me about your pregnancy so far?	Probe first time pregnancy/other pregnancies/conception/planned/father/support/did you expect to get pregnant easily/more difficult than anticipated?
Lots of different people tend to give advice when you are having a baby – What sort of advice have you received and from whom?	Pre-pregnancy information versus current information Who and where information comes from
Who do you trust the most for information about being pregnant and your health while pregnant?	
Where would you go for pregnancy related information?	Probe on whatinformation/questions they might have. Probe on acceptability of or options of where women could see themselves going if they wanted to join a group or see a health trainer – GP practice, local gym, home, hospital, community centre, childcare facilities etc
How is the day to day running of your household managed?	Guage level of practical help and from whom. Especially probe on food practices –who does most of the food shopping and cooking in your house? Daily household routine and who takes responsibility for what? If other children who takes the main responsibility for the children etc.
How do you feel about	Body image



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your body at the	
moment and the	
changes that are	
occurring?	
Do you think you or	Risk perception – of what if anything?
your baby are at risk of	
anything health wise?	
What do you think you	Guage current activity levels. Asses possible
need to do to keep	barriers and general beliefs about
yourself healthy in	health/activity/nutrition in pregnancy.
pregnancy?	
How do you feel about your baby?	Probing ideas and beliefs about whether the baby is protected from harm or able to be harmed. Views of the baby
Is there anything you	Probe on theories of planned behaviour and health
are currently doing that	beliefs about pregnancy. Especially interested in
you think is especially	whether they see themselves as 'not doing'
good/bad for your	something as opposed to 'doing'.something ie to
baby?	what extent do they rationalise current status?
Do you have any goals	Probe on ideas of body image, weight, nutrition as
for yourself during this	connected to identity and motherhood
pregnancy?	
What do you think might be the difficulties in achieving those goals?	Possible barriers. Again probe on identity issues.
How do you expect the	Guage level of risk perception. Probe on obesity
birth of your baby to	related risks – do they perceive themselves as
go?	being at risk, their baby as being at risk? What risks?
What sort of activities	Probe on the sorts of interventions that might be
would you be prepared	part of the pilot (actiheart, cooking clubs, blood
to participate in to help	tests, nutritional lessons, DVD at home, activity
keep you healthy	and where)
throughout your	
pregnancy?	

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