

9 Topic guides for Phase B interviews (B2 and B3)

Original topic guides

Health care professional interviews topic guide (adherence and acceptability) v1.0

Background, interviewee details and ice breaker

- Details of interviewee's current position and role, working history in clinical role, experience etc.
- Range of clinical work that the interviewee undertakes
- Can you tell me a bit about your involvement in the Bluebelle Study?

Opening questions

- How long has the Bluebelle Study been running in *** hospital?
- Approximately how many participants have been recruited to Bluebelle and had their surgery?
- How is Bluebelle working in general so far?

In theatre - Application (or non-application) of dressing (surgeons/consultants/theatre nurses)

- What type of procedures have Bluebelle participants been having?
- Can you tell me a bit about how Bluebelle has worked in theatre so far? *Prompts: How well has the process for random allocation been working? Can you talk me through what happens from wound closure through to moving the patient to the ward?*
- In the work we did prior to this pilot study some people suggested that Bluebelle might influence the way that wounds were closed for trial participants – do you think that has happened at all?
- Apart from the dressing has Bluebelle influenced or changed anything else that normally happens in theatre? *Prompt: for example, how the participant or wound is managed?*
- What was your experience of not putting a dressing on/applying glue-as-a-dressing? How did you feel about it?
- Were there any deviations from the study protocol in theatre? *Prompt: for example, have any participants allocated to no dressing actually received a dressing? If so, why?*

On the wards - Wound dressing care/management post-surgery in the recovery room and on the ward (recovery room staff/ward staff)

- Can you tell me a bit about how well Bluebelle has worked so far in the recovery room / on the ward?
- Were you aware of which individuals were taking part in Bluebelle? *Prompt: how are Bluebelle participants distinguished from other individuals (non-participants)? How well has that worked?*
- How often do you check the wound/wound dressing normally? *Prompt: is this the same for Bluebelle participants / participants with no dressing/participants with glue-as-a-dressing?*
- What is the process of checking the wound/wound dressing normally? *Prompt: is this the same for Bluebelle participants / participants with no dressing/participants with glue-as-a-dressing?*

- How did you feel when you first saw the participant without a dressing on the wound/with glue-as-a-dressing?
- Were you tempted to put a dressing on? Did you have to put a dressing on for any reason? Did the glue-as-a-dressing need to be removed for any reason?
- Were there any deviations from the study protocol in recovery room / on the ward? *Prompt: for example, have any participants allocated to no dressing actually received a dressing? If so, why?*
- How have leaky wounds been managed in the no dressing group? How about the glue-as-a-dressing group (if this has been a problem)?
- How do you think participants have felt about being in the pilot trial?
- How do you think participants have felt about not having a wound dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing?

Trial follow-up assessments (surgeons/consultants/nurses)

- How were the various follow-up assessments administered? Face to face? By phone? By post?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of the above follow up processes?
- How well have the tools for outcome assessment worked in your view? Any suggested improvements?
- How did the participants react to the assessments?

What was your experience of the trial overall?

- How is Bluebelle fitting with your clinical work?
- What is working well within Bluebelle?
- How could Bluebelle be improved?

Close

Thank healthcare professional and answer any further questions.

Patient interviews topic guide (adherence and acceptability) v1.0

Background

Type of surgery participant has undergone, diagnosis

(1 or 2 days after surgery)

General questions:

- Can you tell me what it has been like for you taking part in the Bluebelle Study so far?
- Did you receive a dressing? If so, what type of dressing did you receive?
- What did you think about that?
- Did you have any concerns about the study before you agreed to take part in the study?
- If so, how do you feel about those concerns now?

Experience of wound dressing allocation in hospital:

- How long is the dressing staying on/how long did it stay on?
- How did you feel when you woke up with/without a dressing on/with glue-as-a-dressing?
- What are the practicalities of having/not having a dressing or having glue-as-a-dressing?
- Were there any leakage? If so, what was done about it?

- Did your wound catch on your clothes?
- What are the advantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- What are the disadvantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?

Experience of process of wound care/wound dressing care in hospital:

- How does the nurse look after your wound/wound dressing?
- How often does the nurse/midwife check your wound/wound dressing?
- Did the nurse/midwife have to put a dressing on your wound? (no dressing group)
- Are there any other issues around having a dressing/no dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing on the wound?
- What is going to happen when you are discharged in respect to your wound?

(After final trial follow-up)

Experience of wound dressing allocation at home

- How long was your dressing/glue-as-a-dressing left on? (if discharged with dressing on)
- How did you feel about coming home without dressing on/with glue-as-a-dressing (if discharged without a dressing on)
- What are the practicalities of having/not having a dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing? Were there any leakage? If so, what was done about it?
- Did your wound catch on your clothes?
- What are the advantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- What are the disadvantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?

Healthcare Professionals involved in wound care post hospital discharge:

- How did the community nurse/midwife look after your wound/wound dressing?
- How often does the community nurse/midwife check your wound/wound dressing?
- Did you/the community nurse/midwife have to put a dressing on your wound? (no dressing group) – if so, why? What were the circumstances?
- Have you seen your GP since you have been discharged from hospital? In what circumstances?
- Do you think your wound has healed? If so, what makes you say it has healed?
- Are there any other issues around having a dressing/no dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing on the wound?
- How did you find the process of filling in the questionnaires (EQ5D, SSI questionnaires, etc) at 15 days and 30 days? How easy was it to inform the Bluebelle study team about any problems with the wound?

What's working well within Bluebelle?

How could Bluebelle be improved?

Close

Thank participant and answer any further questions.

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Final topic guides

Health care professional interviews topic guide (adherence and acceptability) v1.0

Background, interviewee details and ice breaker

- Details of interviewee's current position and role, working history in clinical role, experience etc.
- Range of clinical work that the interviewee undertakes
- Can you tell me a bit about your involvement in the Bluebelle Study?

Opening questions

- How long has the Bluebelle Study been running in *** hospital?
- Approximately how many participants have been recruited to Bluebelle and had their surgery?
- How is Bluebelle working in general so far?

In theatre - Application (or non-application) of dressing (surgeons/consultants/theatre nurses)

- What type of procedures have Bluebelle participants been having?
- Can you tell me a bit about how Bluebelle has worked in theatre so far? *Prompts: How well has the process for random allocation been working? Can you talk me through what happens from wound closure through to moving the patient to the ward?*
- Apart from the dressing has Bluebelle influenced or changed anything else that normally happens in theatre? *Prompt: for example, how the participant or wound is managed?*
- **In the work we did prior to this pilot study some people suggested that Bluebelle might influence the way that wounds were closed for trial participants – do you think that has happened at all?**
- What was your experience of not putting a dressing on/applying glue-as-a-dressing? How did you feel about it?
- Were there any deviations from the study protocol in theatre? *Prompt: for example, have any participants allocated to no dressing actually received a dressing? If so, why?*
- **Do you have any experience of using Bluebelle skin tattoos/transfers on patients? Who applies these? Do you think these have been helpful? Explore how.**

On the wards - Wound dressing care/management post-surgery in the recovery room and on the ward (recovery room staff/ward staff)

- Can you tell me a bit about how well Bluebelle has worked so far in the recovery room / on the ward?
- Were you aware of which individuals were taking part in Bluebelle? *Prompt: how are Bluebelle participants distinguished from other individuals (non-participants)? How well has that worked?*
- What is the process of checking the wound/wound dressing normally? *Prompt: is this the same for Bluebelle participants / participants with no dressing/participants with glue-as-a-dressing?*
- How did you feel when you first saw the participant without a dressing on the wound/with glue-as-a-dressing?
- Were you tempted to put a dressing on? Did you have to put a dressing on for any reason? Did the glue-as-a-dressing need to be removed for any reason?

- Were there any deviations from the study protocol in recovery room / on the ward? *Prompt: for example, have any participants allocated to no dressing actually received a dressing? If so, why?*
- **How have leaky wounds been managed?**
- How do you think participants have felt about being in the pilot trial?
- How do you think participants have felt about not having a wound dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing?

Trial follow-up assessments (surgeons/consultants/nurses)

- How were the various follow-up assessments administered? Face to face? By phone? By post?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of the above follow up processes?
- How well have the tools for outcome assessment worked in your view? Any suggested improvements?
- How did the participants react to the assessments?

What was your experience of the trial overall?

- How is Bluebelle fitting with your clinical work?
- What is working well within Bluebelle?
- How could Bluebelle be improved?

Close

Thank healthcare professional and answer any further questions.

Patient interviews topic guide (adherence and acceptability) v2.0

Background

Type of surgery participant has undergone, diagnosis

(1 or 2 days after surgery)

General questions:

- **How did you first hear about the Bluebelle study? What was your understanding of the study?**
- Can you tell me what it has been like for you taking part in the Bluebelle Study so far?
- Did you receive a dressing? If so, what type of dressing did you receive?
- What did you think about that?
- Did you have any concerns about the study before you agreed to take part in the study?
- If so, how do you feel about those concerns now?

Experience of wound dressing allocation in hospital:

- How long is the dressing staying on/how long did it stay on?
- **What was your first reaction when you realised you had [dressing strategy allocation]?**
- What are the practicalities of having/not having a dressing or having glue-as-a-dressing?
- Were there any leakage? If so, what was done about it?
- Did your wound catch on your clothes **or bed sheets?**
- **Do you feel [dressing strategy allocation] had any impact on your movement? (Explore how)**
- What are the advantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?

- What are the disadvantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- **Do you recall if you had a skin transfer/temporary tattoo applied by your wound? If so, how did you feel about this? Were you expecting this?**
- **Have you had surgical wounds before? [If relevant] How did having [dressing allocation] compare to your previous experience of having surgical wound(s)?**

Experience of process of wound care/wound dressing care in hospital:

- How does/**did** the nurse look after your wound/wound dressing?
- How often does/**did** the nurse/midwife check your wound/wound dressing?
- Did the nurse/midwife have to put a dressing on your wound? (no dressing group)
- Are there any other issues around having a dressing/no dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing on the wound?
- What is going to happen/**what happened** when you are discharged in respect to your wound?

If participant is at home:

- **How long was your dressing/glue-as-a-dressing on for? (if discharged with dressing on)**
- **How did you feel about coming home without a dressing on/with glue-as-a-dressing (if discharged without a dressing on)**
- **(If no dressing) Has a dressing been applied to your wound?**
- **What are the practicalities of having/not having a dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing?**
- **Have you felt able to go about your day to day life? Was this influenced by the way your wound was managed?**
- **Has there been any leakage? If so, what was done about it?**
- **Has your wound caught on your clothes?**
- **(If relevant) Is the tattoo still apparent? (If not) Did you do anything to get rid of it? How did you find having the tattoo? Did it cause any issues?**
- **What are the advantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?**
- **What are the disadvantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?**
- **[If relevant] How did having [dressing allocation] compare to your previous experience of having surgical wound(s)?**
- **Have any healthcare professionals assessed your wound since you left hospital?**

(IF YES TO ABOVE) Healthcare Professionals involved in wound care post hospital discharge (if relevant):

- **(If relevant) How did the community nurse/midwife look after your wound/wound dressing?**
- **(If relevant) How often does the community nurse/midwife check your wound/wound dressing?**
- **Did you/the community nurse/midwife have to put a dressing on your wound? (no dressing group) – if so, why? What were the circumstances?**
- **Have you seen your GP since you have been discharged from hospital? In what circumstances?**
- **Do you think your wound has healed? If so, what makes you say it has healed?**
- **Are there any other issues around having a dressing/no dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing on the wound?**

(After final trial follow-up- if appropriate)

Experience of wound dressing allocation at home

- How long was your dressing/glue-as-a-dressing left on? (if discharged with dressing on)
- How did you feel about coming home without dressing on/with glue-as-a-dressing (if discharged without a dressing on)
- What are the practicalities of having/not having a dressing/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- **Did you feel able to go about your day to day life? Was this influenced by the way your wound was managed?**
- Were there any leakage? If so, what was done about it?
- Did your wound catch on your clothes?
- **(If relevant) Is the tattoo still apparent? (If not) Did you do anything to get rid of it? How did you find having the tattoo? Did it cause any issues?**
- What are the advantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- What are the disadvantages of having/not having a dressing on/having glue-as-a-dressing?
- **[If relevant] How did having [dressing allocation] compare to your previous experience of having surgical wound(s)?**
- **Did any healthcare professionals other than the Bluebelle study team assess your wound since you left hospital? If so, who?**

(IF YES TO ABOVE) Healthcare Professionals involved in wound care post hospital discharge:

- **(If relevant)** How did the community nurse/midwife look after your wound/wound dressing?
- **(If relevant)** How often does the community nurse/midwife check your wound/wound dressing?
- Did you/the community nurse/midwife have to put a dressing on your wound? (no dressing group) – if so, why? What were the circumstances?
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