

Appendix 3: Topic guide

Project description:

Hi,...

Many thanks for taking the time to speak to me today. I thought I would give you a brief description of the project first then some general questions to discuss.

So, as you may know, the aim of the EConDA project is to aid EU Member States to implement more cost-effective policies to improve chronic disease prevention.

One of the specific objectives is to seek consensus among relevant experts on the methodology for measuring cost-effectiveness of interventions to prevent, screen and treat chronic diseases, and that is the aim of this interview - to gather your views on the best methods for assessing cost-effectiveness of four chronic diseases – CHD, COPD, type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

If we do not reach a consensus, then we will aim for a set of guidelines of ‘best practice’.

The interview is semi-structured so feel free to discuss the issues more pertinent to you in greater depth.

Questions for interviews are:

1. Which method of economic evaluation (CUA, CBA, CEA...) is used most widely?
2. What do you think is missing from these evaluation methods?
3. Strengths and weaknesses (limitations) of these methods.
4. What are the most appropriate methods and why? Can you give me some examples?
5. Which method is the best for NCD evaluation?
6. Which methods do you use most often and are there reasons in particular why you have chosen these?
7. How is it best to capture indirect costs do you think?