

**ASSESSMENT****Briefing:****Author(s):****Source reference:****Date:****RA: Diane Roberts**

	<b>RA</b>	<b>AUTHOR(S)</b>
<b>1</b>	a) What is the purpose of the study?  b) Is it made explicit in the paper? YES/NO	
<b>2</b>	What is/are the research question/s addressed in this study? A)  B)  C)	
<b>3</b>	Is the conceptual framework for the study adequately delineated/described? YES/NO	
<b>4</b>	What research methods are employed in the study?	

5	<p>a) Are the research design and methods appropriate for the research purpose and research questions? YES/NO</p> <p>b) Appendices for the following methods are attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. survey methods</li> <li>ii. qualitative studies</li> <li>iii. case, cohort and panel studies</li> <li>iv. observation studies</li> <li>v. analyses of secondary data</li> <li>vi. systematic reviews</li> </ul>	
6	<p>a) Are the analytical procedures used for the analysis of the results satisfactorily described and are they appropriate for the type of data? YES/NO</p> <p>b) How are the data reported and presented?</p> <p>c) Is it detailed enough to allow the reader to assess the validity of the conclusions? YES/NO</p>	
7	<p>a) What are the findings of the study?</p> <p>b) Are they clearly stated? YES/NO</p> <p>c) Are they supported by the data analysis? YES/NO</p> <p>d) What support is offered for any generalisations?</p> <p>Are conclusions adequately supported by the data? YES/NO</p>	

8	<p>Does the research and discussion:</p> <p>a) Take account of prior work in the field? YES/NO</p> <p>b) Offer explanation for confounding variables or conflicting results? YES/NO</p> <p>c) Note any other important considerations? YES/NO</p> <p>d) Provide a critical review of the:</p> <p>    i. research design YES/NO</p> <p>    ii. the results YES/NO</p> <p>    iii. the researcher's own role in terms of potential bias? YES/NO</p>	
9	<p>Ethical questions:</p> <p>a) Is the source of funding for the study made explicit? YES/NO</p> <p>b) Was the study subjected to ethical review? YES/NO</p> <p>c) How was access to data or subjects obtained?</p> <p>d) How were subjects recruited?</p> <p>e) Were potential risks identified and avoided? YES/NO</p> <p>f) Were the methods and their utilisation ethically sound? YES/NO</p>	

10	<p>a) How useful is the research?</p> <p>b) Does it meet its stated goals? YES/NO</p> <p>c) Does it take account of service user's views? YES/NO</p> <p>d) What are its merits and relevance for practice?</p> <p>e) Does it provide directions for new/further research? YES/NO</p>	
11	Any other observations about the validity, reliability, and representativeness of the design, methods, and findings?	
12	Any comments about issues of equality and diversity that arise within the research or that may stem from it?	
	<b>Additional Comments to any of the above questions.</b>	