

**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	<p>Any other observations about the validity, reliability, and representativeness of the design, methods, and findings?</p>	
12	<p>Any comments about issues of equality and diversity that arise within the research or that may stem from it?</p>	
	<p><b>Additional Comments to any of the above questions.</b></p>	