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*Topic guides for interviews***GP INTERVIEW TOPIC GUIDE****Introduction:**

Driving allows people independence, social engagement and interaction, and is a contributor to quality of life and well-being. However, discussions between GPs and patients on fitness to drive can be fraught, with up to a fifth of GPs reporting that patients have left their practice after the GP did not approve their driving license application. Difficulties discussing fitness to drive can be compounded by the presence of unacknowledged or undiagnosed mild cognitive impairment, which is the focus of this interview. We want to discuss your experience of speaking to patients with mild cognitive impairment (or their carers) about fitness to drive, to see what works and what does not work well in practice.

Overview of interview:

- 20-30minutes long
- Record interview
- No patient identifying information will be published or shared.
- Ethics approval was granted. Obtain consent.
- Full confidentiality, data will be password protected in UCC only.

Questions	Prompt/probe
1. Can you describe your practice location and practice population in general terms please?	• Number of gps • Number of patients • Rural/ urban location • Level of deprivation • Available social supports • Available level of public transport
2. How frequently do you encounter consultations in the issue of fitness to drive?	
3. What provokes this discussion?	• Patient concern • Carer concern • GP concern • Letter from specialist • Others provocation?
4. Can you choose two patients with cognitive impairment from your caseload and tell me how consultations on fitness to drive went these patients? a. Refer to case notes b. Choose patient where it went well and not so well	• Who brought it up? • How did you broach the issue? • What words used? • Re-visited multiple times? • Discussion with patient or carer or other family/friends.

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5. Did you get the patient response that you wanted?	Why/ why not? Please explain/elaborate.
6. What actions followed the consultation?	Referral? Assessment? Repeat consultation?
7. Were you prepared for this?	What training have you had in this area? Is there any available? Is it needed?
8. Have you had consultations on fitness to drive in patients with mild cognitive impairment that have gone particularly well or badly?	Explain details of case. Refer to notes if helps.
9. In your opinion, what would have made this process easier for you?	Additional community resources/ other health care professionals/ knowledge resources.
10. What advice would you offer to GPs about they can best deal with this sensitive issue?	
Finish 11. Is there anything else you would like to elaborate on? Thank for your time today	

*Topic guides for interviews***PATIENT INTERVIEW TOPIC GUIDE**

Questions	Prompt/probe
1. Can you give your first name, age and tell me where you live please?	
2. We are interested in discussions about fitness to drive in people with mild cognitive impairment. Would you like to speak about your fitness to drive or the fitness to drive of the person you care for?	If relates to carer, who are they caring for, for how long, etc.
3. What would be important in a conversation about fitness to drive?	
4. What approaches would be challenging/unwelcome?	
5. When did the issue of fitness to drive first arise for you?	When was fitness to drive an issue (months or years ago), what brought this to attention, what provoked it?
6. How was it first discussed by your GP?	Brought up by patient, carer or GP?
7. Can you tell me how that conversation went?	Was it too theoretical or technical? Too long? Too short? Confusing? How did it make you feel?
8. Did you get the answers/ information you wanted?	Please explain/elaborate.
9. Was this conversation something you expected?	Why? Why not?
10. What actions followed the consultation/ discussion with the GP?	Referral? Assessment? Repeat consultation? Were you prepared for this?

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11. In your opinion, what would have made this process easier for you or the person you care for?	
12. What advice would you offer to GPs about they can best deal with this sensitive issue?	
13. What went well from your perspective?	Involvement of GP/ other healthcare professionals/ family members...
14. How have things changed since then?	
Finish 15. Is there anything else you would like to tell me? Thank for your time today	