

Appendix 2: Semi-structured interview protocol

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1. What are your views about how well GP registrars manage paediatric patients in general practice?
 - a) How has this affected you?
 - b) Do you feel your past experiences have influenced your confidence?
 - c) What sort of preparation is most ideal in increasing confidence? Why?
 - d) How is your confidence now?
 - i. Is this different with different types of patients (neonates, adolescents)
 - ii. Different presentations (some suggestion less with: behavioural, development, autism, mental health).
 - iii. In what areas are you most confident or least confident?
 - iv. Do you think this is appropriate? (e.g. refer for Autism Mx)
2. Are there any other barriers/enablers you are aware of that either hinder or assist you with managing children/adolescents and their families in general practice?
3. What sort of issues are you commonly seeing in the children/adolescents that present to you?
 - a) Are you seeing many children/adolescents? Enough to gain experience?
 - b) Different at different practices during GPT?
4. Which of these issues are you most likely to seek help or advice for from your GP supervisor? Why?
5. How well is your GP Supervisor(s) able to assist you in managing cases you are unsure about?
6. What are the sorts of things that would make you decide to make a referral of a child/adolescent to a specialist? To an ED?
 - a) Last patient you referred? What was it for? Why did they refer?
 - b) If nil referred: what was the last case(s) they saw
7. What sort of areas/issues in child and adolescent medicine do you feel you would benefit from extra training?

Additional Prompts: derived from iterative process of analysis

8. Define what confidence in paediatrics means to you?
 - a) What does a lack of confidence mean?
9. How does caution and confidence differ?
10. What do you think a typical registrar needs to be able to do in the management of children with mental health, developmental and behavioural conditions
11. Why do you think you have these gaps in your confidence?
12. Why didn't you complete the DCH? Or why did you complete the DCH?
13. What would you like more training in and why?
14. How have you found managing parental pressure?