

## Interview Guide: QASC Europe Process evaluation

### HIGH LEVEL MANAGERS

**Aims:**

To identify views and perspectives on processes and success factors relating to the QASC Europe project.

**Preamble**

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These interviews will give us valuable information on your views about what worked well what didn't work as well and your suggestions for increasing uptake.

You have been selected for this interview because of your role as *(insert role here)* and that you are able to give an informed perspective about your experiences in the QAS Europe project.

If you are agreeable, I will take notes and record the interview so that I don't miss any details and can carry on an attentive conversation with you. All interviews are confidential and anonymised and you (and your hospital) will not be identified in any publication.

Do you have any questions?

**Consent form instructions**

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## Focus group Country Co-ordinators Guide: QASC Europe Process evaluation

### Aims:

To identify views and perspectives on the factors that influenced the introduction, implementation and uptake of the FeSS clinical protocols into practice.

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## PART A

### 2. Level of support provided

- 2.1 What did your role in QASC Europe entail?
- 2.2 What was your understanding of your role in relation to QASC Europe?  
*PROBE: Did they feel adequately prepared/trained for the role?*
- 2.3 Did you feel adequately prepared and supported and what were your main sources of support?
- 2.4 What was needed to support you in this role that was not available?

### 3. Implementation of FeSS Protocols

- 3.1 Do you think hospital staff understood what was needed in relation to implementing the FeSS protocols into their daily practice?  
*PROBE:*  
*If 'yes' what helped?*  
*If 'no' what hindered?*
- 3.2 What do you consider were the key factors that assisted hospitals to implement the protocols?

PROBES	RESPONSES
1. <i>Internal and external staff Who?</i>	
2. <i>Training and education Adequacy?</i>	
3. <i>Designated internal facilitator/champion Who?</i>	
4. <i>Resources What?</i>	
5. <i>Engagement of multidisciplinary team?</i>	
6. <i>Other</i>	
7. <i>Other</i>	
8. <i>Other</i>	

3.3 What was your role in increasing awareness of and uptake of the protocols in the hospital?

PROBE:

*What were the things that you did to help to promote implementation and uptake?*

*What other things were done that you are aware of that promoted implementation and uptake?*

*Did you use any of the resources – if so which ones?*

3.5 Which clinical protocol do you think were the easiest and most difficult to incorporate into practice?

Prompt: *Fever, sugar, swallow (FeSS) protocols.*

Probe: *Reasons for ease or difficulties; Of those that were difficult how did they address these difficulties*

3.6 What do you think were the internal and external factors that had a positive or negative impact upon the implementation of the protocols?

Probe: *Changes in staffing, introduction of a new policy (either Government, hospital level), new guidelines, resources, other research study, competing demands etc*

3.8 How useful were the resources provided? (*ie: protocols, implementation strategies, videos, barriers and enablers worksheets*)

3.9 What else was needed to introduce the protocols into practice and to change practice?

**4. Barriers and facilitators to implementation (NB: see table below and fill)**

From your point of view:

4.1 What are/ were the main barriers to implementing the FeSS protocols?

4.2 What helped or would help to overcome these barriers?

Prompt: *staff, organisation, resources, local policies, organisational culture, competing priorities.*

- 4.3 In terms of these barriers, did they require minimal, moderate or significant input from yourself to prevent them from impeding implementation?
- 4.4 What are the things that you think were most needed that were not available to promote uptake?

Main barriers to implementing FESS protocols	What helped to overcome them?	What would have helped to overcome them?	To address these barriers was <u>minimal, moderate or significant</u> input from you required?	What were the things that you think were most needed that were not available to promote uptake?

**5. Sustainability**

- 5.1 What do you think will help to enable sustainability of the protocols into routine practice?

**6. Other questions**

- 6.1 What do you feel have been the main benefits/outcomes of involvement in QASC Europe? To you as an individual, the Angels initiative, the hospital?
- 6.2 What recommendations do you have for other individuals and hospitals implementing the protocols in the future?
- 6.3 Do you think the QASC Europe project will inform future implementation work? \Have you seen any evidence of this already occurring in any hospitals?
- 6.4 Did you see any growth in nurses role/ autonomy in terms of an increased effort or focus to drive quality stroke care process during the term of the QASC Europe Project?

**7. Final thoughts and comments**

- 7.1 Is there anything else that you would like to add?

**Thank you for your valuable time and input**

## **PART A: Interviewee characteristics**

1.1 QASC Europe role designation \_\_\_\_\_

High level project management

Angel team leader

Angel consultant

Country Co-ordinator

1.2 Length of time in current role (months/years) \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART B: Interview questions**

1. What did your role in relation to QASC Europe entail?
2. What was it about the research that captured your interest?
3. Have you been involved in similar translational initiatives?
4. Tell me about the efforts in relation to preparation and planning of how QASC Europe would be implemented?
5. Were expectations clear about communication, timelines, roles and responsibilities?
6. Do you think that all key parties, eg NRI, Angels T/L and consultants and clinicians, understood what was needed to make QASC Europe happen?
7. How were stakeholder interrelationships and communication strategies (between the various parties, Angels, hospital staff) managed?
8. What insights have you had about clinician behaviour change as a result of being involved in QASC Europe?  
  
*Is there anything that can be transferred to other projects in the future?*
9. What do you feel have been the main benefits/outcomes of QASC Europe? How has it value added to the work of your organisation and/or to individuals?
10. What was done well and what could have been done better?

- a. *If you did it again, what would you do differently?*
- b. *What were the difficulties?*
- c. *Internal and external factors that had a positive or negative impact upon project success, eg. communication; resources; training; expectations.*
- d. *Minimal, moderate significant input required to solve*

11. Do you have any insights on the basis of QASC Europe about translational research involving industry and University research institutes?

- a. Would you do it again?
- b. Was it worth it or too much trouble?
- c. What will be the legacy of QASC Europe from your point of view?

12. What recommendations do you have for others interested in similar translational projects in the future?

13. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

**Thank you for your valuable time and input**

## Focus group and Interview Guide

### QASC Europe Process evaluation – ANGELS CONSULTANTS

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- These interviews will give us valuable information on your views about what worked well what didn't work as well and your suggestions for increasing uptake.
- You have been selected for this interview because of your role as *(insert role here)* and that you are able to give an informed perspective about your experiences in the implementation of the protocols.
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## PART A

### 1. Interviewee characteristics

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Angel team leader

Angel consultant

Country Co-ordinator  #

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1.2 Length of time in current role (months/years) \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Professional background, years of experience, brief details of role (tick all that apply):

a. Clinical

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

b. Stroke specific

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

c. Research  #

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

d. Evidence translation / practice change  #

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

e. Quality improvement  #

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

f. Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief details of role \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Previous involvement in practice improvement or evidence translation - role and where?

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1.5 List countries that participant is involved

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- 2.3 Did you feel adequately prepared and supported and what were your main sources of support?
- 2.4 What was needed to support you in this role that was not available?

### 3. Implementation of FeSS Protocols

- 3.1 How easy or difficult did you find your role in terms of talking with clinicians about practice change and not actually being a clinician yourself.
- 3.2 Do you think hospital staff understood what was needed in relation to implementing the FeSS protocols into their daily practice?  
*PROBE:*  
*If 'yes' what helped?*  
*If 'no' what hindered?*
- 3.3 What do you consider were the key factors that assisted hospitals to implement the protocols?

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1. Internal and external staff <i>Who?</i>	
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4. Resources <i>What?</i>	
5. Engagement of multidisciplinary team?	
6. Other	
7. Other	
8. Other	

- 3.4 Which clinical protocol do you think the nurses / doctors found the most difficult to incorporate into clinical practice?  
*Prompt: Fever, sugar, swallow (FeSS) protocols.*

Probe: Reasons for ease or difficulties; Of those that were difficult how did they address these difficulties

3.5 How useful were the resources provided? (ie: protocols, implementation strategies, videos, barriers and enablers worksheets)

**4. Barriers and facilitators to implementation (NB: see table below and fill)**

From your point of view ie from YOUR ROLE:

4.1 What are/ were the main barriers that you encountered in your role in relation to QASC Europe?

4.2 What helped or would help to overcome these barriers?

Prompt: staff, organisation, resources, local policies, organisational culture, competing priorities.

4.3 In terms of these barriers, did they require minimal, moderate or significant input from yourself to prevent them from impeding implementation?

4.4 What are the things that you think were most needed that were not available to promote uptake?

Main barriers to implementing FESS protocols	What helped to overcome them?	What would have helped to overcome them?	To address these barriers was <u>minimal, moderate or significant</u> input from you required?	What were the things that you think were most needed that were not available to promote uptake?

**5. Sustainability**

5.1 What do you think will help to enable sustainability of the QASC Europe project?

**6. Other questions**

6.1 What do you feel have been the main benefits/outcomes of involvement in QASC Europe? To you as an individual, the Angels initiative, the hospital?

6.2 Do you think the QASC Europe project has or will provide nurses/doctors with any tools or techniques that could be used on other quality projects (stroke or other) ? Have you seen any evidence of this already occurring in any hospitals?

Prompt: an understanding of QI processes, how to do audit, how to use audit results to drive practice change, working on other QI activities

- 6.3 Did you see any development in the role of the nurse in relation to driving quality stroke care process?
- 6.4 What recommendations do you have for other individuals and hospitals implementing the protocols in the future?

**7. Final thoughts and comments**

- 7.1 Is there anything else that you would like to add?

**Thank you for your valuable time and input**