

Appendix Two: Interview schedule

- Introduction. Note that interview will be recorded, and a transcript provided for checking.
- I understand that XXX (child) was admitted to hospital with asthma. Tell me about your experience of XXX being in hospital?
 - What were the things that were most important to you?
 - During XXX's time in the emergency department?
 - Ward?
 - ICU?
 - Ambulance?
 - During interhospital transfer?
 - Upon discharge home?
 - Was there anything else that worried you, or that you were concerned about? Were these issues addressed during your time in hospital? If not, why not?
 - Is there anything that should have been done differently?
 - What do you think would be important to other parents / families if their child was in a similar situation to XXX's? Why are these things important?
 - What if their child was really ill and going to an intensive care unit?
 - What do you think would make your experience different to others?
- Before this visit, have you had to go to hospital before with asthma?
 - How different was this experience?
 - What do you know now that you didn't know then?
 - How could the other visit(s) have been improved?
- If we were doing research looking at a new or different treatment for children with a bad attack of asthma, what do you think are the most important things for us to look at?
 - If we were going to introduce a new treatment, how do you think we could tell it was doing a good job? [*Explanation (if needed) – examples of process outcomes (time to treatment, communication), clinical outcomes (change in symptoms) and psychological outcomes (reassurance)*]. Why are these things important?
- Conclude interview. Check for any missing concepts, anything else the interviewee would like to say.

- Questions regarding involvement in later follow-up work.
- Thank participant.

Date of interview _ / _ / _

Setting: Ward Intensive care Outpatients

Language interview conducted in: _____

Who was interviewed: Mother Father
 Sibling Child
 Uncle Aunt
 Other (specify) _____