**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

**Figure 1:** Summary of main areas covered in the topic guide for the interviews

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| General                       | Age and gender of general practitioner (GP)  
                                Length of time practising as a GP                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Role of the GP                | How often GP carries out a 6-week consultation  
                                Content of a typical 6-week consultation  
                                Does GP always discuss contraception at this consultation  
                                How GP sees their role in providing postpartum contraception  
                                Should other healthcare professionals be involved  
                                Detail of postpartum contraceptive advice given                                                                                                                                                           |
| Timing of the check-up        | Effectiveness of contraceptive advice given at 6-week check  
                                Would antenatal advice about postpartum contraception help  
                                Arrangements for a woman to have a long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) method, such as the implant or intrauterine device, fitted at the GP’s practice, waiting times |
| Level of knowledge/types of contraception | Feelings about level of knowledge about postpartum contraception  
                                Confidence discussing different methods, especially LARC  
                                Most common kind of contraception arranged/prescribed postpartum  
                                Provision of LARC in the practice  
                                Funding to provide LARC  
                                Perception of patients’ attitudes towards LARC                                                                                                                                                    |
| Groups of women               | Any groups of women they find it more challenging to advise about postpartum contraception  
                                Procedure if a woman doesn’t attend the 6-week check  
                                Unplanned pregnancies postpartum or short inter-birth intervals are a problem for their practice                                                                                                         |