

The Sibling's Views Questionnaire (SVQ)

The Sibling's Views Questionnaire (SVQ) consists of a pre-intervention and post-intervention version, and utilises a focused semi-structured interview design.

The SVQ enables the interviewers to ascertain the sibling's experience of having a brother or sister with complex health care needs and to identify what the sibling needs from a support group.

Questionnaire for professionals who facilitate support groups for siblings of children who have complex health care needs.

The SVQ enables support group facilitators (including healthcare professionals, school counsellors, researchers, and young carers' group leaders) to ascertain the most significant aspects of siblings' experiences of living with a brother or sister with complex care needs, from siblings' perspectives.

Facilitators complete the 'SVQ - pre-intervention' through individual 'interview' with the sibling before the support group begins. The pre-intervention SVQ allows facilitators to establish what most concerns siblings and to establish what siblings need from their support group. There is therefore the potential to tailor the support group/intervention more carefully to help ensure it is beneficial for the siblings taking part.

Through completing the 'SVQ - post-intervention' after the support group, the information siblings shared at the start of the support group is re-visited. This enables siblings to reflect on anything that has changed (or stayed the same) and the reasons for this being the case. It also forms an evaluation of the support group thus providing facilitators with a focused means of measuring the effectiveness of the intervention.

The full original research article detailing the use of the SVQ is available online (see References).

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Sibling's Views Questionnaire Pre-intervention

Sibling's name (or code)			Sibling's DOB (MM/YY)		/
Sibling's gender (please circle)		Female	Male	Other gender	
Age(s) of brother(s) with health care needs			Age(s) of sister(s) with health care needs		
Date of interview	/	/	Interviewer's initials		

1. Sibling's main concerns

Tell me about up to 5 things you have noticed your brother/sister (with health care needs) do or say that you are most concerned about.

No.	Description (with clarification of context)
1	

Sibling's Views Questionnaire Post-intervention

Sibling's name or (code)				
Date of interview	/	/	Interviewer's initials	

1. Re-visiting your main concerns

At the start of the support group you mentioned some things you have noticed your brother/sister (with health care needs) do or say that you were most concerned about.

You rated your concerns using a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means no concern at all and '10' means the most concern possible.

What rating would you give each of your concerns now?

(Interviewer: to enter answers in boxes below)

Concern no.	1	2	3	4	5
Sibling's post-intervention rating of concern (0 to 10)					

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- I. SVQ - Pre-intervention: Pre-intervention questionnaire to be completed before the support group begins.
 - II. SVQ - Post-intervention: Post-intervention questionnaire to be completed after the support group.
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References

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