

# PANDEMIC IDENTIFIES SCOPE FOR ENHANCED COMMUNITY PHARMACY SUPPORT FOR HOUSEBOUND

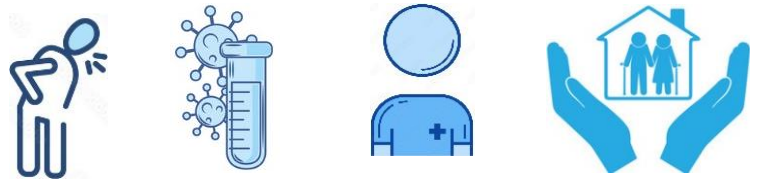
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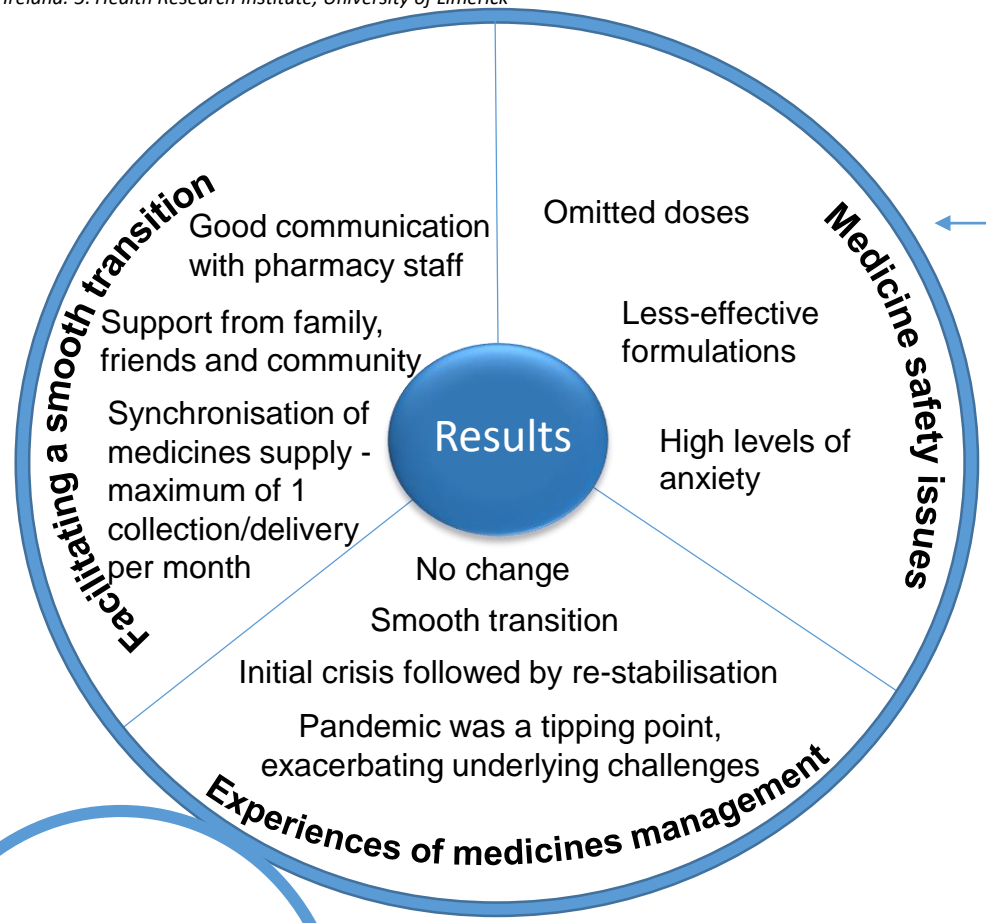
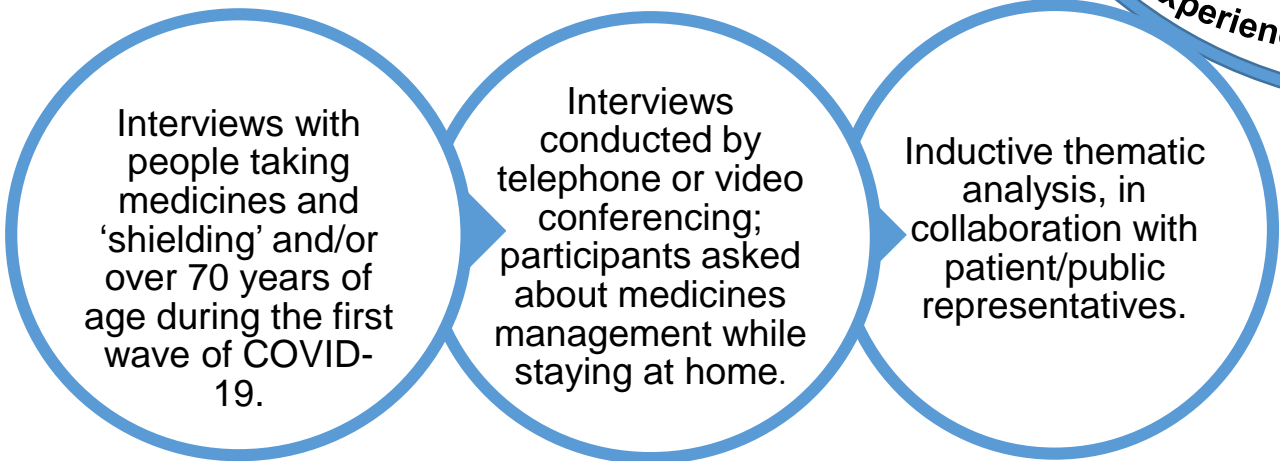


## Introduction

Housebound patients may face challenges in medicines management due to reduced household mobility and potential lack of access to healthcare. However little work has focused on the patient/family perspective. We used data obtained from those staying at home as much as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic to fill this gap.



## Methods



50 people were interviewed (16 males, 34 females; 26-93 years). Data suggested a diversity of experiences.

## Conclusions

- Our findings suggest pharmacy staff can help by:
- ❖ Synchronisation of medicines supply
  - ❖ Delivering medicines where possible
  - ❖ Raising awareness of alternative means of communication
  - ❖ Providing continuity
  - ❖ Signposting any community support available.

