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PILOT 'JOINT' (MULTIGENERATIONAL) FAMILY INTERVIEW

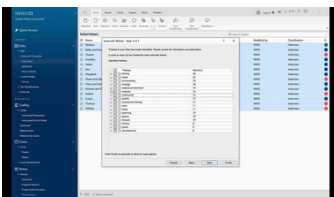


The pilot family interview session began with Mahera asking questions in English, primarily answered by Dad, while Mum moved about, and the children were distracted. The "Who is my family?" exercise started with mixed engagement; the grandparents needed assistance while the youngest boy played outside. Sheila began drawing the floorplans, aiming to include enough detail for feedback. After a refreshment break, researchers decided to focus on a simplified floorplan exercise and key themes.

The discussion on joint family arrangements became more dynamic, with more input from Mum and the children. The session ended with the introduction of a scrapbook, gift vouchers, and positive feedback from the family, reflecting the research team's skills in fostering a comfortable environment.

The pilot for family interviews was invaluable for testing methods, timing, and approach. Two separate visits are required, with Sheila and a co-researcher conducting the first interview, and Mahera, two co-researchers, and Caroline handling the second. A brief "Meaning of Home" exercise will be added to the existing interactive activities..

ANALYSIS OF INTERVIEW DATA FULLY UNDERWAY



The Co-Analysis team including Faruk, Aminur, Bashir, Leena and the OU team have completed analysing 40 transcripts to date using the co-produced Codebook and NVivo software for qualitative data analysis. They are moving to the next stage of the analysis using these 40 transcripts to look for reoccurring issues arising, the suitability and unsuitability of accommodation and the impact of these on the lives of the probin and their families.

FINDING 'JOINT' FAMILIES TO INTERVIEW

We are excited to announce the next stage of the research exploring the experiences of Bangladeshi families living 'joint families' in the four boroughs of Newham, Redbridge, Hackney and Tower Hamlets. This aims to understand the unique challenges and benefits of living with multiple generations under one roof and to influence housing policies and community services that better meet the needs of such families. By sharing their stories, we hope to highlight the importance of 'joint family living in our communities. If you know a family that would like to be involved, please contact Mahera (07931732153) or Bashir/Leena (07962132441). We value your support and look forward to hearing from you!



NEXT... Seeking TEN 'JOINT' families to participate in interviews!