**Workday Debrief Interview Guidance**

**(Service Ethnography)**

Workday Debriefs: These are short, semi-structured reflective interviews with key service providers/practitioners at the start or end of their workday. This could involve the researcher reflecting with the practitioner on past events as well as imagined futures (upcoming events) using timelines; however, the predominant focus during the interview is on the day’s events.

Example topics for exploration could include: families the practitioner has seen that particular day/or will see; the care planning and management of these families, including assessment and decision-making; the guidance that the practitioner is working to, as well as professional challenges that are encountered on a day-to-basis.

The debrief should also have a relational aspect, whereby practitioners are asked to describe their relationships with service users and colleagues, and other relationships that frame their day-to-day work. Hence attention should be given to interrogating relationships between the practitioner and colleagues, superiors (e.g. line manager), other professionals or agencies, parents and families, as well as to how guidelines, policy, and practice shape relationships and underpin their understanding of the governance of parental opioid use.

Adapted from Schoepfle & Werner’s (1999) ethnographic debriefing method, workday debriefs can complement other ethnographic fieldwork and can potentially provide additional contextual information that would otherwise not be observed or recorded, and can be another first step towards analysis: making sense of what was heard and seen.

**Methods**

Workday debriefs can be conducted either through face-to-face interactions, or via telephone or videoconferencing and 2-3 key questions should frame this interview format. The interviews can be audio-recorded by the researcher using an encrypted digital voice recorder to aid write up. The researcher will write up fieldnotes post-interview; no personal identifiable data will be included. No video will be recorded or retained by the research team. See Data Management Plan for further information.

**References**

Schoepfle M, Werner O. (1999) Ethnographic debriefing. *Field Methods*, 11:2:158-165.