**Interview topic guide – new migrants UK**

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| 1. **Introduction/ background** | * Tell me something about yourself |
| 1. **Reasons for migrating to the UK**   *Tell me why you came (to the UK)* | * How did you imagine Britain before travelling to the UK? * Why did you decide to move to the UK, specifically?   + Was it a country that you had a connection with before?   + Have you been there before?   + Did you consider other countries or opportunities? * Where did you get your knowledge of the UK before travelling? * How would you characterize the relationship between your place of origin and the UK? |
| 1. **Reasons for deciding to leave [the home country]**   *Tell me why you left* | * What made you decide to leave [your home country]? * What did your family members think about this decision? |
| 1. **Administrative preparations to move**   *What did you do to prepare* | * What visa do you have?   + Is your status attached to someone else? * How long is your visa for? * Where and how did you apply for your visa? (E.g. in-country or outside; use of intermediary?) * Where and how did you get information about the visa you applied from? * Did somebody help you in the application process? * How did you find the visa application process? * How did you feel about going through the process? |
| 1. **The journey and arrival in the UK** *Tell me how you arrived in the UK* | * Tell me a bit about your journey:   + the day of your journey – what did you do, who did you see?   + How did you feel? * Where did you go when you arrived in the UK and why?   + Are you still there? * What did you do when you arrived in the UK?   + Who did you have contact with when you arrived?   + Where did you sleep the first nights? * What contact have you had with UK or local authorities since your arrival? (housing, schooling, health, work, welfare…) * Did somebody help you navigate this? |
| 1. **Settling** | * Are you here alone or do you have family members with you?   + Who, what status do they have, when did they come or were they already here… * Are you happy with the ways in which you have settled? (e.g. current housing, work and welfare arrangements) * Are you considering applying for permanent status / citizenship /another status in the future?   + What do you know about becoming a UK citizen? |
| 1. **Making and maintaining connections between place of origin and destination** | * Are you keeping up with/involved in politics at your place of origin? How?   + Do you do this differently here as when you were there? * Do you still have family in your place of origin?   + If you do, do you keep in contact with them? How? * Did you travel back to your place of origin since after you arrived in the UK?   + Do you know people that did? * Have you been sending things back to the people who stayed in your place of origin (e.g. food, money, gifts...)? * Since your arrival, did you get in contact with any organizations/associations/communities? (national, local…; types of)   + If so, what for? (politics, support, information…) * How would you characterize the relationship between your place of origin and the UK? |
| 1. **Global Britain** | * This government has described this period in British history as ‘Global Britain’. What does that make you think? * What are the main challenges that you think the UK is facing today? * As you know, the country is going through a lot of political turbulence. How does it compare to your country? And how does that make you feel? |
| 1. **Assessing the migration decision** *Thinking about your arrival and settlement in the UK, what are your thoughts and feelings (about the process/actors/your choices)* | * Do you feel welcomed? * Thinking back to your reason for coming to the UK, have your hopes and expectations been met? Why/Why not? * If you could go back in time, would you do it all over again? |

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| **Sociodemographic – online questionnaire** |  | * Age * Sex, Gender, Sexuality * Country of birth * Month and year of arrival * Ethnicity * Disability |