**Qualitative Component Topic Guide**

**Aim:** To explore the views and experiences of service users regarding drug craving, awareness of attentional bias and obtaining illicit drugs.

*The order and exact content of the questions will be determined by the participant and on-going analysis. The following topics and prompts serve as an interview guide. Further prompts may be added following analysis and feedback from participant interviews*

Introduction – Confirm consent to audio record.

Discuss anonymity and confidentiality and answer any questions

**1. Study set up**

Can you tell me about how your first became aware of this study and any feelings you had about it?

*Prompts: what were you curious about? What were you anxious about? Have you taken part in a study before? What are your expectations? Did you have any concerns?*

**2. Background**

Can you briefly explain your background and when you started to use heroin?

*Prompts: childhood experience, parents, experience of trauma, pathway of drug use, route of administration*

**3. Craving and attentional bias**

* Can you tell me how it feels to crave opioids or other drugs? How did you feel when you were completing the computer task?

*Interviewer Prompts: – does it feel different for drugs and alcohol? what things trigger you to use? what kind of things do you do to manage the triggers? Did some words have a different effect on you than others?*

**4. The process of obtaining drugs**

* Can you talk me through what you do to obtain drugs?

*Interviewer Prompts: – social influence? Conscious decision or automated? How does it feel, are there different feelings if you’re alone or with friends? Do you use the same people to get drugs from, how do you meet dealers?*

**5. After using drugs**

* Can you tell me how you feel once you’ve used drugs?

*Interviewer Prompts: – talk through the high, explore the after process, what are the impacts (good and bad), identify feelings and how they feel about those feelings*

**6. The end of the study**

* Now that the study is over, how do you feel about it?

*Interviewer Prompts: – what went well, what would you change, has it been useful? number of site visits, payments, the computer task, how to encourage people to sign up*

**7.** Is there anything else you’d like to discuss about your involvement with this study?