Interview Questions — Telephone Interview

Section A: About the Acute Trust

First, I would like to start by asking you some general questions about the acute trust (AT)

1. How many sites are in your trust?    Acute .......... Elective ..........
2. What is the name of the main acute hospital site in your trust?

PLEASE CONSIDER THE MAIN ACUTE HOSPITAL SITE IN YOUR TRUST WHEN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Section B: Prescribing system

MOVING ON TO THE PRESCRIBING SYSTEM

3. What type of inpatient prescribing system is used within your AT?
   a) Paper...  → SKIP TO QUESTION 8
   b) Electronic... If electronic, who is your provider?
   c) A mixture... What wards are excluded and why?

4. How long has the current inpatient prescribing system been in place?

NOW I AM GOING TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLINICAL INDICATION OF A DRUG

5. Do you record the clinical indication of a medication on any prescribed medication within your AT?  →
   All meds  □  Reg meds  □  PRN meds  □  Abx □  Warfarin  □  Other  □  None  □

6. Do you think that the clinical indication is completed all of the time, most of the time, undecided, rarely or never?
   All of the time  □  Most of the time  □  Sometimes  □  Rarely  □  Never  □
   a. Why do you think the Trust enacted the policy of having a clinical indication?

7. What are your views on having a clinical indication for a prescribed medication on the prescription?
   b. Do you think it has an effect on prescribers’ clinical workflow? What type of effect?
   c. Do you think it has an effect on patient safety?

8. Has your Trust considered the use of “standards for the design of hospital inpatient prescription charts”?
   Yes  □  No  □  I don’t know  □
   a) If so, what did the discussion find?

Interview questions — Clinical Pharmacist