Appendix Table of questions in each round of the Delphi survey.

Round 1 Items	Round 2 Items	Round 3 Items
Effects on lifestyle or daily activities		Effects on lifestyle or daily activities.
2. Effects on or restriction in diet.	1. Effects on or restriction in diet.	
3. Effects on social activities.	2. Effects on social activities.	2. Effects on social activities.
4. Effects ability to perform usual work.	3. Effects ability to perform usual work.	3. Effect on ability to perform usual work
5. Effect on sexual function.	4. Effect on sexual function.	4. Impact on sexuality and sexual life
6. Effect on overall wellbeing		5. Effect on overall wellbeing
7. Effect on quality of life		6. Effect on quality of life
8. Dissatisfaction with bowel function		7. Dissatisfaction with bowel function
9. Preference for a stoma "bag".	5. Preference for a stoma "bag".	
10. Toilet dependence		8. Toilet dependence
11. Inability to defer defecation		9. Inability to defer defecation
12. Stool frequency: number of bowel motions per 24 hours		10. Stool frequency
13. Stool frequency >4 per 24 hours		
14. Nocturnal bowel motions: Awoken from sleep to pass a	6. Nocturnal bowel motions:	
bowel motion.		
15. Change in stool consistency following surgery	7. Change in stool consistency following surgery	11. Change in stool consistency following surgery
16. Diarrhoea: loose (mushy) or watery stool.	8. Diarrhoea	12. Diarrhoea
17. Constipation: lumpy or hard stools.	9. Constipation	
18. Clustering / Fragmentation: Need to return to the toilet		13. Clustering / Fragmentation
to pass multiple bowel motions within 1 hour.		
19. Incomplete emptying / Incomplete evacuation: Sensation		14. Incomplete emptying / Incomplete evacuation
of incomplete evacuation or sense of residual stool after		
passing a bowel motion.		
20. Tenesmus: repeated painful urge to defecate.	10. Tenesmus: repeated painful urge to defecate.	15. Tenesmus
21. Difficulty emptying the bowel.	11. Difficulty emptying the bowel.	16. Difficulty emptying the bowel.
22. Time to evacuate: unable to empty bowel within 15	12. Time to evacuate	17. Time to evacuate
minutes.		
23. Straining to pass a bowel motion.	13. Straining to pass a bowel motion.	
24. Pain on passing a bowel motion.	14. Pain on passing a bowel motion.	