

Understanding the Barriers to Primary Healthcare among Working-age Persons with Disabilities in Trinidad: A Qualitative Study

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INTRODUCTION

- Persons With Disabilities (PWD) are likely to experience healthcare barriers (Iezzoni, 2011).
- 80% of PWD live in developing countries where systems supporting adequate healthcare are lacking (United Nations Development Programme, 2020).
- The way disability is conceptualised influences how the issue is addressed (Rioux, 1997). The present conceptualisation of disability focuses on removing barriers.
 - The National Policy on PWD (2018) of Trinidad and Tobago promotes healthcare.
 - Available support such as free healthcare, the Disability Assistance Grant and transportation suggest adequate support for PWD.
 - However, previous research for working-age PWD in Trinidad indicates deprivations regarding general and disability-related healthcare (Parey, 2020).
 - Information on healthcare barriers among working-age PWD could provide useful insights.

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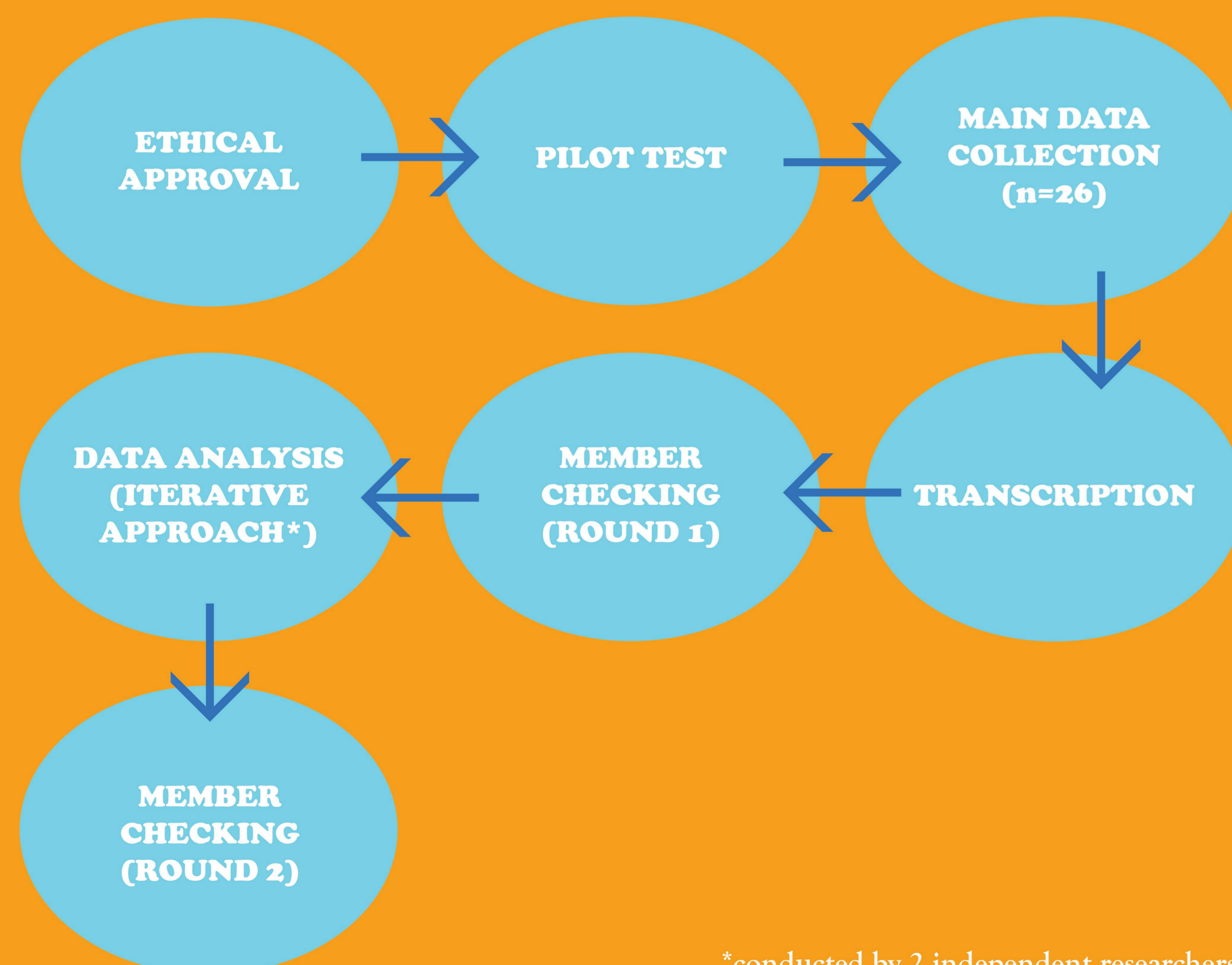
- To explore the healthcare barriers among working-age PWD in Trinidad.

OBJECTIVES

- To describe the healthcare barriers.
- To identify solutions for these barriers.

METHOD

Qualitative - semi-structured interviews; snowballing sampling technique



*conducted by 2 independent researchers



CONCLUSION

Findings suggest the need for:

- A nation-wide integrated digitalised healthcare system.
- More educational health promotion initiatives.
- Staff professional development.
- Provision of materials in alternative formats.
- Increased intersectoral support.

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