Inclusion criteria

Sample
- Adults aged 18+ years who have a diagnosis of aphasia as a result of stroke.
- No restrictions will be applied based on aphasia type or severity or any other demographic variable.

Research type, Design & Evaluation
- Studies in any language, from any publication date and any geographical location.
- Studies that seek to understand the perspectives, experiences, preferences and opinions of adults with aphasia post-stroke towards recovery and living successfully with aphasia, through direct contact with participants (interviews and focus group discussions) and qualitative data analysis. This includes:
  - Primary qualitative studies.
  - Studies that employ secondary analysis of qualitative data.
  - A qualitative study as part of a mixed methods study.

Phenomenon of interest
Experiences, needs, perceptions of adults with aphasia post-stroke towards:
- Personal recovery
- Living successfully with aphasia
- The lived experience of aphasia
- Rehabilitation, therapy, services
- Goals
- Friendship and relationships
- Community reintegration, participation, social participation
- Returning to work, volunteering
- Autonomy, Independence
- Renegotiating a new identity
- Coping, grief, loss, hope, other emotions
- Everyday occupations
SS Study eligibility criteria

**Exclusion criteria**


**Sample**
- Children (<18 years).
- No diagnosis of stroke.
- Aphasia as a result of aetiologies other than stroke (e.g. TBI), unless results from people with aphasia are explicitly separate from other participants.
- Mixed groups of participants e.g. people with aphasia and their significant others or health care professionals, unless results from people with aphasia are explicitly separate from other participants.

**Research type**
- Any quantitative study, (RCT, non RCT, observational, cohort, case control).
- Any study where qualitative data is not analysed, i.e. uninterpreted data.
- Studies that do not state or describe a qualitative method of data analysis.
- Non-empirical articles including opinion pieces, commentaries, theoretical articles.
- Personal accounts that do not employ qualitative methods of data collection and analysis.
- Any review (systematic, narrative, qualitative).
- Treatment guidelines documents.
- Grey literature / not published in a peer reviewed journal.
- Dissertations/theses/conference proceedings/published abstracts – however attempts will be made to source full-length articles if abstracts are otherwise eligible.

**Evaluation**
- Any perspectives other than people with aphasia post-stroke.

**Phenomenon of interest**
- Any data not obtained through interview / focus group discussion methods.
- Papers describing experiences, perspectives in an experimental situation rather than ‘typical’, e.g. developing / evaluating a specific tool or intervention.
- Papers with a **specific** focus on communication, social communication or information needs.

**Design**
- Qualitative studies using questionnaires or other methods that do not involve interviews or focus group discussions with participants.