



# Method

- Critical Hermeneutics phenomenological approach (Lopez & Willis, 2004)
- International recruitment
- Interview questions used ICF framework
- · Data coded using NVivo

## **Results: Participants**

- 9 participants
- 21 to over 70
- · Majority females
- · Variety of daily activities

### Flinders

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# **Results: AAC Systems**

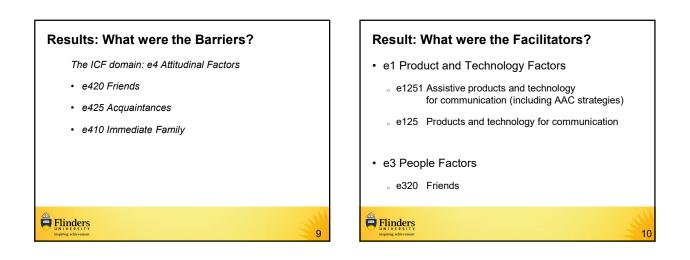
- Dedicated AAC Devices or Tablets
- · Pen and paper
- Spelling
- Communication Assistants

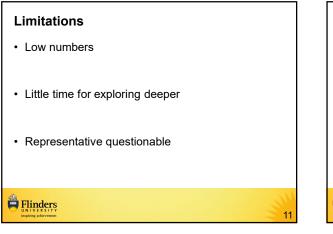
### **Results: What are Experiences?**

- · Experience categories
  - 。 Sexual in Nature
  - 。 Physical time together
  - 。Dating
  - 。 Beginnings of relationships
  - 。"Let's be friends"

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# Further Research Crip Theory: Queer Theory and Disability Studies Opposes ableist oppression Illumination by Crip Theory

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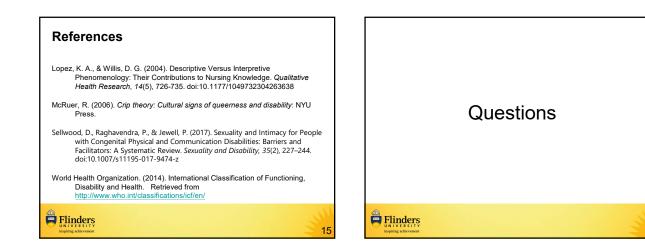
### Conclusion

- · Barriers attitudinal
- Facilitators technology and support from friends
- Analysis using Crip Theory
- · Thanks to participants

A practical tip coming up next ...

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# The power of introductions Friends introduce you with extra details Your interests Your communication method



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