Supplementary Materials for

Healthcare professionals' perceptions of caesarean section decision-making and the implementation of Audit&Feedback strategies in the Calabria Region: a qualitative study

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Topic 1. Determinants of caesarean section (CS) in the context of Calabrian Region

Explore Caesarean sections phenomenon and determinants perceived

In Calabria currently the use of CS is higher than the standards defined at national level. In your opinion, what are the reasons why caesarean section is currently used in your region?

- And in your Obstetric Unit?

Topic 2. Strengths and weakness of the current assistance

Identify strengths and weakness of the current management of the birth path, with a focus on the use of caesarean section, identifying the necessary actions 1. Which are in your opinion strengths of assistance at birth in the structures of the Calabria Region? And what are the critical issues?

2. What suggestions would you give to promote the appropriateness of using a caesarean section?

- ...to promote user satisfaction (mothers, fathers, children)

- ...to promote the satisfaction of professionals

Topic 3. Application, applicability and sustainability of A&F interventions (only for health professionals)

Survey opinions on A&F intervention and potential in improving care appropriateness

The project involves the implementation of A&F interventions, defined by the World Health Organization as "any summary (written or verbal) of clinical health care provision for a specified period of time". The purpose of the A&F is to measure the performance of professionals, compare them according to a standard and then return the results with the aim of improving the practice.

- Do you have experience of A&F based on the use of current data, such as SDO and CeDAP? Would you like to tell us about it?
- Do you have experience with other types of A&F? (e.g., clinical audit based only on case discussion)
- In your opinion, what are the strengths and what are the criticalities of applying an A&F system that also uses current data (e.g., data derived from SDO and CeDAP)?
- What would you suggest promoting the systematic use of A&F in clinical practice?