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Supplementary file 1. Interview Guide

1) Setting the scene

- a. Please could you please tell me about your role within the health system/ministry/directorate?
- b. Can you give me some background on healthcare decarbonisation in xxxx?
- c. What do you think are the reasons xxxx signed up to the COP26 health programme?

2) Responsibility for healthcare carbon emissions

- a. In your view, what is the responsibility of your healthcare system to cut emissions?
- b. In your view, is healthcare different as compared to other sectors – should it have more or less or the same amount of time to reach net zero?

3) Setting priorities

- a. Could you share with me your impression of how to reach net zero emissions in your healthcare system?

- b.* Could you describe some of the challenges you face in delivering this agenda?
- c.* In general, how do you think policy-makers in your country should balance healthcare decarbonisation with other health sector priorities?
- d.* Are there any trade-offs between healthcare provision and the climate mitigation targets?

4) International perspective

- a)* Could you describe how you think responsibility for cutting health sector emissions should be shared globally?
- b)* In your view, does the healthcare sector have responsibility to reduce Scope 3 emissions?

5) Closing:

- a.* Is there anything more you would like to add?