Literature review and discussion findings are used to develop an interview script.

8 oncology experts are recruited to take part in an interview on the nature of Stable; Responding; And Progressive NSCLC in terms of symptom & HRQL burden and nature of toxicities selected for inclusion.

Previous health state descriptions of MBC are adapted using the literature review and interview findings. 17 health states are developed to reflect symptoms & HRQL burden in stable, responding and progressive NSCLC.

5 of the 8 oncology experts and 2 newly recruited experts take part in in-depth debriefing interviews and asked to consider the health states in terms of accuracy and appropriateness and suggestions are incorporated.

Health states are reviewed by 2 psychometric experts and suggestions are incorporated.

Health states are piloted with 5 members of the general public in ‘think aloud’ and cognitive de-briefing interviews.