146 patients diagnosed as IBS in the database

23 Excluded (10 Double entries + 13 missing date of birth)

123 eligible patients with IBS for interview

67 (54.5%) Total participants
- 18 Males (27%)
- 49 Females (73%)

56 (45.5%) Total non-participants
- 25 Males (44.6%)
  - Reasons for not participating
    - Refused = 3
    - Deceased = 7*
    - Moved out of the area = 11
    - Seriously ill = 3
    - Less than 15 = 1
  - *there was no direct connection between the cause of death and the IBS symptoms.
- 31 Females (55.4%)
  - Reasons for not participating
    - Refused = 6
    - Deceased = 9*
    - Moved out of the area = 16
    - Seriously ill = 0
    - Less than 15 = 0
  - *there was no direct connection between the cause of death and the IBS symptoms.