**Appendix 1: Topic list with some examples of interview questions**

*Topic: Autism*

-How do you talk about autism? What language do you prefer: ‘I have autism’ or ‘I am an autist’, or something else?

-How do you think about autism? Do you see autism as a disability/ a disorder/ a disease?

-Do you see yourself as a patient or client?

*Topic: (Self-)advocacy*

-According to you, what are the most important themes for self-advocacy?

-What are your personal experiences with doing self-advocacy work?

-Why did you become active at PAS?

Experiences with the Dutch National Autistic Society (NVA) were discussed, including the relationship between PAS and NVA.

*Topic: by-and-for people with autism/ consumer-run*

-What is your opinion about ‘by-and-for’/consumer-run?

-What do you see as the main challenges or obstacles of PAS as a consumer-run organization?

-What do you see as the main benefits of PAS as a consumer-run organization?