**GUIDANCE NOTES:** Using the literature review to analyse your data:

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| **CHAPTER 2: Literature review (LR)** | **CHAPTER 4: Analysis of findings** |
| **Review of key debates/views on research topic*** **Key points of view** on my dissertation topic
* How and why **views compare, diverge or are in conflict**
* **Why and/or how** are these **views may be relevant to my study**

**Review of definitions of key terms*** How **definitions changed, developed or evolved**
* Why definitions have **changed**
* How definitions **conflict**
* Key points do definitions **share**
* Are definitions viewed as too narrow; too broad; out of date and/or limited in some other way for my dissertation?
* Which definition may be most valid, accurate, or relevant for my dissertation – why? Comprehensive? Most widely applicable?

**Review of theories, conceptual models and frameworks*** What the is model about
* How the model helps us understand a problem/issue
* How model has been applied in/used to guide practice to address a problem
* What new understandings or solutions this model provides
* The criticisms of this model: why limited
* Other model(s) have developed that add to this model and address limitations/gaps

**Review of research studies*** Outline how findings have developed from earlier to more recent research studies
* Identify specific themes/issues research has focused on
* Compare major findings of several research papers about this specific theme/issue
* Challenges/ problems these studies identify
* Examples of best practice/solutions do these studies highlight to overcome these challenges/problems e.g.: *new insights on innovative practice; explanation of how theory is applied to practice; identification and comparison of strategies and solutions that could improve practice; identification of challenges and why arise; development of model to guide practice*
 | **Analysis of my data in comparison with key debates/views on research topic in LR*** How do **these views** help me understand the particular views of participants?
* How do the **views in the literature** compare or contrast with the views expressed in my questionnaire, interviews and /or focus groups?
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**Analysis of my data in comparison with definitions of key terms in LR*** To what extent do my data match up with or vary from changing definitions as reviewed in the literature review?
* What does my data suggest about current definitions/understandings?

**Analysis of my data in comparison with theories, conceptual models and frameworks in LR*** Does the case study organisation follow the stages of this model in any way?
* Could the organisation use this model to improve its performance?
* How does this theory help me understand my data?
* From my data, to what extent is this theory being applied in practice?

**Analysis of my data in comparison with previous research in LR*** How do these research studies assist me in analysing the data I have collected?
* How do my findings on best practice compare or contrast with the findings identified in these research studies?
* How might this research enhance and develop the practices/processes described in my data?
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