**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* How definitions **conflict** * Key points do definitions **share** * Are definitions viewed as too narrow; too broad; out of date and/or limited in some other way for my dissertation?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?   **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? |