Patient focus groups
Topic guide

- Thank you for coming along
- Introduce facilitator and co-facilitator.
- Set ground rules e.g. respect each other’s opinions
- Invite each participant to introduce themselves, giving first name only.

The facilitator will encourage discussions around participants’ healthcare-seeking behaviour in relation to bleeding while on DAPT. The questions and prompts below will be used flexibly to stimulate responses and discussion.

1. Information about DAPT
   a. Participants’ level of knowledge of DAPT
      - Were you told about what your medication does while you were in hospital?
      - Were you told about the side effects? Did you understand what you were told?
      - Were you clear about how long to take the medication for?
      - Did you read the information leaflets? How helpful did you find them?
      - Did you access any other information (internet, healthcare professionals, friends and family)?
      - Would you have liked more information? In what format?

2. Issues related to adherence
   - Do you try and take your medication regularly as prescribed?
   - When might you miss a dose?
   - What do you do if you miss a dose?
   - What are the barriers/facilitators to taking your medication regularly as prescribed?

3. Issues related to bleeding
   As some of you have discussed, some people develop some bruising and bleeding as a result of taking the medication.
   - Has this happened to you? What sort of bleeding did you experience?
   - Did/ would this cause you concern?
   - Did/ would you contact your GP (or another healthcare professional) about this?
   - At what point would bleeding become a problem for you?

CLOSING DISCUSSION
Take it in turns to raise the most significant ways in which this medication has impacted/you expect it to impact on your quality of life, whether in positive, or negative ways