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Identification of studies via databases and grey literature

Identification of studies via other methods

Identification

Records identified through database searching
(n = 12527)

- Embase (n = 4964)
- Medline (n = 2863)
- APA PsycInfo (n = 955)
- CINAHL (n = 1856)
- Global Health (n = 652)
- Social Policy and Practice (n = 28)
- Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts (ASSIA) (n = 830)
- OpenGrey (n = 11)
- Social Care Online (n = 15)
- Healthcare Management Information Consortium (HMIC) Database (n = 353)

Records removed before screening:
Duplicate records removed (n = 5433)

Records identified via forward and backward
citation tracking of the 42 records included
through database and grey literature searching
(n = 411)

Screening

Records screened at title and abstract stage
(n = 7094)

Records excluded at title and abstract stage
(n = 6931)

Records sought for retrieval (n = 163)

Records not retrieved (n = 0)

Records screened at full text stage (n = 163)

Records excluded at full text stage (n = 121)

Reasons:

- Conference abstract only (n = 29)
- Article not in English (n = 5)
- PhD thesis (n = 1)
- Not primary research (n = 1)
- No relevant outcome measure (n = 23)
- No control group (n = 23)
- Not primary care setting (n = 4)
- Not appropriate intervention (n = 34)

Records screened at title and abstract stage
(n = 411)

Records excluded at title and abstract stage
(n = 374)

Records sought for retrieval (n = 37)

Records not retrieved (n = 0)

Records screened at full text stage (n = 37)

Records excluded at full text stage (n = 30)

Reasons:

- No relevant outcome measure (n = 6)
- Not primary care setting (n = 19)
- Not appropriate intervention (n = 5)

Included

Records included from database and grey literature
search (n = 42)

Records included from citation tracking (n = 7)

Total records included in review (n = 49)

