

Shaping Health Policy and Clinical Practice: A Critical Evaluation of Literature Review Methods in the Evidence Base

Supplementary material

Recommendations checklist for reporting non-systematic structured literature reviews¹

- ◆ Identify the report as a pragmatic literature review
- ◆ Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses
- ◆ Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for synthesis
- ◆ Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research
- ◆ Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies
- ◆ Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used
- ◆ Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record
- ◆ Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report
- ◆ Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review
- ◆ Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review and of the review processes used

¹Page, M.J. et al (2021). The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews. *bmj*, 372.