

Numbers of potentially eligible reviews from each source:

CDSR & DARE	n=916
Additional unpublished DARE references	n=630
Further searches on OVID databases	n=1163
Additional searches in 2008	n=30
	TOTAL= 2739

Stage 1: First screening of all records by title only (RJ, FH, SM, SC, JG)

Remove those that do not meet inclusion criteria (n= 2491)

Stage 2. 2nd screening of abstracts (RJ, FH, SM, SC, JG). Selected references for full text retrieval

CDSR & DARE	n=137
Additional unpublished DARE references	n=58
Further searches on OVID databases	n=31
Additional searches in 2008	n=16
	TOTAL=248

Stage 3. De-duplicated and mapped evidence to select higher quality, more recent reviews. Excluded papers that did not meet quality/inclusion criteria; and checked against mapping exercise. A sample checked by another team

Total excluded = 145

Synthesise results using meta-narrative approach.

CDSR & DARE (including 2008 searches)	n=88
Additional unpublished DARE references	n=10
Further searches on OVID databases	n=5
	TOTAL= 103