

Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing Perinatal Mental Health Care in Health and Social Care Settings: A Systematic Review

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Appendix 1. PRISMA Checklist¹

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Reported on page #
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	1
ABSTRACT			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria; participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number.	1
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	1-2
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	2
METHODS			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.	2
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	2
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	2
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	2.
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	2-3
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	3
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	3 & Appendix

			3
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	3 & Appendix 4
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	N/A
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., I^2) for each meta-analysis.	3

Appendix 2. Search syntax

Medline (1946 – present)		
#	Searches	Results
1	prenatal care/ or perinatal care/ or postnatal care/	34307
2	Pregnancy/	858716
3	Pregnant Women/	7783
4	(pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepert* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or peri-nat* or peri-part* or peri-part* or puerper* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*).ti.	3227810
5	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) and (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies)).ti.	26341
6	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5	941313
7	mental disorders/ or exp anxiety disorders/ or exp mood disorders/ or exp "trauma and stressor related disorders"/	358243
8	Stress, Psychological/	116739
9	Adaptation, Psychological/	92079
10	(mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being).ti.	1126026
11	7 or 8 or 9 or 10	1347384
12	6 and 11	42847
13	Depression, Postpartum/	5238
14	Pregnant Women/px [Psychology]	2441
15	((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepert* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or peri-nat* or peri-part* or peri-part* or puerper* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*).adj5 (mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	39532
16	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) adj5 (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies)) and (mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	19801
17	12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16	78322

#	Searches	Results
18	Mass Screening/	
19	diagnosis/ or early diagnosis/	
20	(screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identif* or prevent* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti.	100320 42564 1966922
21	psychotherapy/ or behavior therapy/ or exp cognitive behavioral therapy/	103857 38681
22	counseling/ or exp directive counseling/	202744
23	exp antidepressive agents/ or exp anti-anxiety agents/	1913593
24	(intervention? or counsel* or therap* or healing or listen* support* or care or healthcare or service or medication* or drug? or antidepress* or anti-depress* or antianxiety or anti-anxiety).ti.	
25	("improving access to psychological therap**" or iapt).ti,ab.	202 292461
26	((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or well-being or well-being) adj5 (screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identif* or prevent* or prophyla*)).ti,ab.	289504
27	((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or well-being or well-being) adj5 (intervention? or counsel* or therap* or healing or listen* support* or care or healthcare or service or medication* or drug? or antidepress* or antidepress* or antianxiety or anti-anxiety)).ti,ab.	289504
28	18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27	4315914
29	17 and 28	24363
30	Depression, Postpartum/di, dh, dt, pc, th	3009
31	29 or 30	25179
32	Implementation Science/ or Health Plan Implementation/	5889
33	Program Evaluation/	61180
34	(implement* or impact*).ti,ab.	1429975
35	(feasib* or acceptab*).ti,ab.	453538
36	(barrier? or challenge? or obstacle? or facilitat* or enabl* or opportunit*).ti,ab.	1997108 106519
37	((process or project* or system*) adj5 evaluat*).ti,ab.	3623609
38	32 or 33 or 34 or 35 or 36 or 37	7134
39	31 and 38	
Embase (1974-present)		

1	prenatal care/ or newborn period/ or perinatal period/ or prenatal period/	86803
2	*Pregnancy/	135647
3	(pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepart* or antenat* or ante-nat* or antenat* or peri-nat* or peri-nat* or peri-part* or peri-part* or puerper* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*).ti.	363935
4	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) and (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies)).ti.	29830
5	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	475350
6	mental disease/ or exp anxiety disorder/ or exp mood disorder/	784239
7	mental stress/	79073
8	(mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being).ti.	1286051
9	6 or 7 or 8	1707350
10	5 and 9	35066
11	exp perinatal depression/	3361
12	((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepart* or antenat* or ante-nat* or antenat* or peri-nat* or peri-nat* or peri-part* or peri-part* or puerper* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*) adj5 (mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	53334
13	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) adj5 (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies) and (mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	27281
14	10 or 11 or 12 or 13	84393
15	mass screening/ or screening test/ or screening/	290869
16	diagnosis/ or early diagnosis/	1410201
17	(screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identifi* or prevent* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti.	2343089
18	exp counseling/ or early intervention/ or exp psychotherapy/	408319
19	(intervention? or counsel* or therap* or healing or listen* support* or care or healthcare or service or medication* or drug? or antidepress* or anti-depress* or antianxiety or anti-anxiety).ti.	2354935
20	("improving access to psychological therap**" or iapt).ti,ab.	277
21	((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) adj5 (screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identifi* or prevent* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti,ab.	403390

PsychInfo (1806 – present)		
#	Searches	Results
1	prenatal care/ or postnatal period/ or antepartum period/ or intrapartum period/ or perinatal period/	8784
2	Pregnancy/	21781
3	(pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepreat* or prepart* or prenat* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or peri-nat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*).ti.	32570
4	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) and (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies)).ti.	9910
5	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	51355
6	mental disorders/ or exp affective disorders/ or exp anxiety disorders/ or exp "stress and trauma related disorders"/	285661
7	psychological stress/	87762
8	Emotional Adjustment/	16152
9	(mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or well-being or well-being or well-being).ti.	850653

10	6 or 7 or 8 or 9	939412
11	5 and 10	14715
12	postpartum depression/ or postpartum psychosis/	4764
13	((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-hat* or premat* or prepart* or prepart* or prenat* or antenat* or ante-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or puerper* or peripart* or perinat* or postnat* or postnat* or post-part* or postpart*) adj5 (mental* or psych* or anxiety* or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	17479
14	((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) adj5 (infan* or newborn? or neonat* or baby or babies) and (mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being)).ti,ab.	13328
15	11 or 12 or 13 or 14	30571
16	screening/ or exp health screening/ or exp screening tests/	27755
17	diagnosis/	44547
18	(screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identifi* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti.	234881
19	treatment/ or exp cognitive behavior therapy/ or exp cognitive techniques/ or exp counseling/ or mindfulness-based interventions/ or exp psychotherapy/	337367
20	(intervention? or counsel* or therap* or healing or listen* support* or care or healthcare or service or medication* or drug? or antidepress* or anti-depress* or antianxiety or anti-anxiety).ti.	403234
21	("improving access to psychological therap*" or iapt).ti,ab.	273
22	((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) adj5 (screen* or detect* or diagnosis* or assess* or identifi* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti,ab.	226696
23	((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) adj5 (intervention? or counsel* or therap* or healing or listen* support* or care or healthcare or service or medication* or drug? or antidepress* or antidepres* or anti-anxiety or anti-anxiety).ti,ab.	251713
24	16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23	1073752
25	15 and 24	12651
26	treatment barriers/	4682
27	exp Program Evaluation/	19999
28	(implement* or impact*).ti,ab.	491586
29	(feasib* or acceptab*).ti,ab.	67031
30	(barrier? or challenge? or obstacle? or facilitat* or enabl* or opportunit* or engage*).ti,ab.	684169

S8	S4 AND S7	17,108
S7	S5 OR S6	451,004
S6	T1 mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or post-trauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being	363,674
S5	(MH "Mental Disorders") OR (MH "Anxiety Disorders+") OR (MH "Affective Disorders+") OR (MH "Stress Disorders, Post-Traumatic+") OR (MH "Adaptation, Psychological")	205,326
S4	S1 OR S2 OR S3	213,494
S3	T1 ((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepart? or antenat* or ante-nat* or antepart* or ante-part* or perinat* or peri-nat* or post-nat* or postpart* or postpart? or postpart? or neonat* or newborn? or infant* or baby or babies)))	98,137
S2	(MH "Expectant Mothers")	6,696
S1	(MH "Prenatal Care") OR (MH "Postnatal Period") OR (MH "Pregnancy") OR (MH "Puerperium")	184,082

Appendix 3. Data extracted from studies

Study characteristics	Sample	Assessment/Care/Treatment Characteristics	Implementation outcomes
Year	Size	Type (intervention, assessment, support)	Barriers
Country	Age	Name	Facilitators
Setting	Ethnicity	Year started	
Design	Employment	Year ended	
Aim	Education	Description	
	Children	Who care is aimed at	
		Theoretical model of care	
	Socioeconomic status	Medium of care (e.g. face to face)	
	Mental health problems	Person providing care	
	Measurement of mental health problems		
	Obstetric details	Training of people providing care	
	Gender/sex		
	Other demographic details		
	Recruitment		

Based on Cochrane data collection form for intervention reviews²

Appendix 4. Quality appraisal domains and appraisal of included studies

Qualitative³

Domain 1: Design and methodology

- Q1. Is there congruity between the stated philosophical perspective and the research methodology?
- Q2. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the research question or objectives?
- Q3. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the methods used to collect data?
- Q4. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the representation and analysis of data?

Q5. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the interpretation of results?

Domain 2: Researcher influence

- Q6. Is there a statement locating the researcher culturally or theoretically?
- Q7. Is the influence of the researcher on the research, and vice- versa, addressed?

Domain 3: Participants

- Q8. Are participants, and their voices, adequately represented?
- Q9. Is the research ethical according to current criteria or, for recent studies, is there evidence of ethical approval by an appropriate body?

Domain 4: Interpretation of results

- Q10. Do the conclusions drawn in the research report flow from the analysis, or interpretation, of the data?

Text and opinion⁴

Domain 1: Author credentials

- Q1. Is the source of the opinion clearly identified?
- Q2. Does the source of opinion have standing in the field of expertise?

Domain 2: Opinion development

- Q3. Are the interests of the relevant population the central focus of the opinion?
- Q4. Is the stated position the result of an analytical process, and is there logic in the opinion expressed?

Domain 3: Literature support

- Q5. Is there reference to the extant literature?
- Q6. Is any incongruence with the literature/sources logically defended?

Cross-sectional⁵

Domain 1: Participants

- Q1. Were the criteria for inclusion in the sample clearly defined?
- Q2. Were the study subjects and the setting described in detail?

Domain 2: Methodology

- Q3. Was the exposure measured in a valid and reliable way?
- Q4. Were objective, standard criteria used for measurement of the condition?
- Q5. Were confounding factors identified?
- Q6. Were strategies to deal with confounding factors stated?
- Q7. Were the outcomes measured in a valid and reliable way?

Domain 3: Analysis

- Q8. Was appropriate statistical analysis used?

Qualitative	Domain 1: Design and methodology					Domain 2: Researcher influence			Domain 3: Participants		Domain 4: Interpretation of results	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10		
Ammerman et al. (2014) ⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Atif et al. (2016) ⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Atif et al. (2020) ⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bina et al. (2018) ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boyd et al. (2011) ¹⁰	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Byatt et al. (2013) ¹¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chartier et al. (2015) ¹²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doering et al. (2017) ¹³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drozdz et al. (2018) ¹⁴	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friedman et al. (2010) ¹⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ganann et al. (2019) ¹⁶	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hadfield et al. (2019) ¹⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jallo et al. (2015) ¹⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kerker et al. (2018) ¹⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Kim et al. (2009) ²⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Leger et al. (2015) ²¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Masood et al. (2015) ²²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCauley et al. (2019) ²³	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKenzie-McHarg et al. (2014) ²⁴	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Manodawafa et al. (2017) ²⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Myors et al. (2015) ²⁶	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nakku et al. (2016) ²⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nithianandan et al. (2016) ²⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noonan et al. (2018) ²⁹	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O'Mahen et al. (2015) ³⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ormsby et al. (2018) ³¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Text and opinion	Domain 1: Author credentials		Domain 2: Opinion development		Domain 3: Literature support		Domain 3: analysis
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	
Pineros-Leano et al. (2015) ³²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pugh et al. (2015) ³³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reed et al. (2014) ³⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rowan et al. (2010) ³⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Segre et al. (2014) ³⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Shakespeare et al. (2003) ³⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Shorey et al. (2019) ³⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Vik et al. (2019) ³⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Willey et al. (2019) ⁴⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Williams et al. (2016) ⁴¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Young et al. (2019) ⁴²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cross-sectional	Domain 1: Participants		Domain 2: Methodology		Domain 3: analysis		
Higgins et al. (2018) ⁵¹	Yes	No	Q3 Yes	Q4 N/A	Q5 N/A	Q6 N/A	Q7 Yes
							Q8 Yes

Note. Qualitative Domain 1: Design and methodology - High quality (green) = 4 or more yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 3 yeses; Low quality (red) = 2 or less yeses. Domain 2: Researcher influence - High quality (green) = 2 yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses. Domain 3: Participants - High quality (green) = 2 yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses. Domain 4: Interpretation of results - High quality (green) = 1 yes; low quality (red) = 0 yeses.

Text and opinion Domain 1: Author credentials - High quality (green) = 1 yes; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses. **Domain 2:** **Opinion development** - High quality (green) = 2 yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses; **Domain 3: Literature support -** High quality (green) = 1 yes; low quality = 0 yeses.

Cross-sectional Domain 1: Participants - High quality (green) = 2 yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses; **Domain 2:**

Methodology - High quality (green) = 2 yeses; Medium quality (orange) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses; **Domain 3: analysis -** High quality (green) = 1 yes; Low quality (red) = 0 yeses.

Appendix 5. ENTREQ Checklist⁵²

No	Item	Guide and description	Page reported
1	Aim	State the research question the synthesis addresses	2
2	Synthesis methodology	Identify the synthesis methodology or theoretical framework which underpins the synthesis, and describe the rationale for choice of methodology (e.g. meta-ethnography, thematic synthesis, critical interpretive synthesis, grounded theory synthesis, realist synthesis, meta-aggregation, meta-study, framework synthesis).	3
3	Approach to searching	Indicate whether the search was pre-planned (comprehensive search strategies to seek all available studies) or iterative (to seek all available concepts until they theoretical saturation is achieved).	2
4	Inclusion criteria	Specify the inclusion/exclusion criteria (e.g. in terms of population, language, year limits, type of publication, study type)	2
5	Data sources	Describe the information sources used (e.g. electronic databases (MEDLINE, EMBASE, CINAHL, psycINFO, Econlit), grey literature databases (digital thesis, policy reports), relevant organisational websites, experts, information specialists, generic web searches (Google Scholar) hand searching, reference lists) and when the searches conducted; provide the rationale for using the data sources.	2 & Appendix 2
6	Electronic search strategy	Describe the literature search (e.g. provide electronic search strategies with population terms, clinical or health topic terms, experiential or social phenomena related terms, filters for qualitative research, and search limits).	2 & Appendix 2
7	Study screening methods	Describe the process of study screening and sifting (e.g. title, abstract and full text review, number of independent reviewers who screened studies).	2-3
8	Study characteristics	Present the characteristics of the included studies (e.g. year of publication, country, population, number of participants, data collection, methodology, analysis, research questions).	Appendix 6
9	Study selection results	Identify the number of studies screened and provide reasons for study exclusion (e.g, for comprehensive searching, provide numbers of studies screened and reasons for exclusion indicated in a figure/flowchart; for iterative searching describe reasons for study exclusion and inclusion based on modifications to the research question and/or contribution to theory development).	3-4 & Figure 1
10	Rational for appraisal	Describe the rationale and approach used to appraise the included studies or selected findings (e.g. assessment of conduct (validity and robustness), assessment of reporting (transparency), assessment of content and utility of the findings).	3 & Appendix 4
11	Appraisal items	State the tools, frameworks and criteria used to appraise the studies or selected findings (e.g. Existing tools: CASP, QARI, COREQ, Mays and Pope [25]; reviewer developed tools; describe the domains assessed: research team, study design, data analysis and interpretations, reporting).	3 & Appendix 4

12	Appraisal process	Indicate whether the appraisal was conducted independently by more than one reviewer and if consensus was required.	3
13	Appraisal results	Present results of the quality assessment and indicate which articles, if any, were weighted/excluded based on the assessment and give the rationale.	Appendix 4
14	Data extraction	Indicate which sections of the primary studies were analysed and how were the data extracted from the primary studies? (e.g. all text under the headings “results /conclusions” were extracted electronically and entered into a computer software).	3 & Appendix 3
15	Software	State the computer software used, if any	3
16	Number of reviewers	Identify who was involved in coding and analysis	3
17	Coding	Describe the process for coding of data (e.g. line by line coding to search for concepts)	3
18	Study comparison	Describe how were comparisons made within and across studies (e.g. subsequent studies were coded into pre-existing concepts, and new concepts were created when deemed necessary).	3
19	Derivation of themes	Explain whether the process of deriving the themes or constructs was inductive or deductive	3
20	Quotations	Provide quotations from the primary studies to illustrate themes/constructs, and identify whether the quotations were participant quotations of the author’s interpretation.	Table 1
21	Synthesis output	Present rich, compelling and useful results that go beyond a summary of the primary studies (e.g. new interpretation, models of evidence, conceptual models, analytical framework, development of a new theory or construct).	3-9, Table 1, Table 2, Appendices 7-10.

Appendix 6. Study characteristics

1. Author, Year, Country 2. Quality Rating	1. Design, Setting 2. Healthcare Setting	Description of care	1. Recipient of care 2. Provider of care	Training of providers	1. Sample interviewed 2. N	Interview sample Demographics
1. Annerman et al., 2014 ⁶ , USA, 2. 70%	1. Descriptive 2. Run by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre, Ohio, delivered in women's homes	Moving Beyond Depression Programme using In-Home Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (IH-CBT). 15 weekly sessions, 60 mins each plus booster sessions at 1-month post-treatment.	1. Mothers 16 years and older who had a diagnosis of Major Depressive Disorder 2. Mental health professionals – therapists	2 days to learn IH-CBT, workshops on CBT, learning from pilot cases, audiotapes of treatment sessions.	N/A	N/A
1. Atif et al., 2016 ⁷ , Pakistan 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Basic Health Units delivering primary care in Rawalpindi	Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) based on Thinking Healthy Programme (THP). Adapted in Pakistan to make it deliverable through peers.	1. Mothers experiencing prenatal depression 2. Peer volunteers (PVs)	Trained and supervised by non-specialist THP facilitators. 4-day classroom and 2-day field training. Fortnightly group and field supervisions.	1. Mothers and peer volunteers 2.29	Mothers: Age M = 28 100% married Children: M = 3 Education M = 6.6 years 81% in joint family structure
1. Atif et al., 2020 ⁸ , Pakistan 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Obstetric department of public hospital in Rawalpindi	Happy Mother Healthy Baby -based on cognitive behaviour therapy principles. Involved development of an empathetic relationship, challenging thoughts, behaviour activation, problem solving and involving family members.	1. Pregnant women with anxiety as measured by score of >8 on HADS ^a 2. Non-therapist specialists	5-day workshop followed by 2 practice cases of perinatal anxiety	1. Pregnant women with anxiety and health professionals 2.29	Mean age of women = 26 years and 42% were primigravida. Years of schooling mean was 4 years. Majority of health professionals interviewed had over 10 years of experience.
1. Beeber, Lewis, Cooper, Maxwell, & Sandelowski, 2009 ⁴³ , USA 2. 83%	1. Descriptive 2. Early Head Start Programmes delivered to Latino community	Short-term in-home psychotherapy intervention. Mothers in the intervention group received 16 contacts over a 22-week period.	1. Low income Latina mothers who showed depressive symptoms as measured by CES-D ^b 2. Psychiatric mental health advanced practice nurses	6-hour course in Spanish/English.	N/A	
1. Bina, Glasser, Honovich, Levinson, & Ferber, 2018 ⁹ , Israel 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Primary care setting in Israel	Eight sessions of interpersonal therapy (IPT) that aims to reduce depressive symptoms and improve interpersonal functioning.	1. Women with postnatal depression symptoms 2. Social workers	2-day 16-hour IPT training led by an experienced IPT trainer	1. Social workers 2.25	All female. Mean age = 47.7 years. 13 had a Master of Social Work degree, 7 a BSW degree plus a master's degree, 4 had only a BSW degree.

		Average of 19yrs experience including 11yrs employment in the Health Maintenance Organizations. All female. Mean of 2.3 years of employment at agency. Most only have a college a degree (31.2%). Most of African American ethnicity (50%).	
1. Boyd, Mogul, Newman, & Coyne, 2011 ¹⁰ , USA 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Community based service	Academic-community partnership focusing on screening and barriers to mental health utilisation. Home visits which includes screening for postnatal depression and assistance in referral to mental health services.	1. Pregnant or postnatal women with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. Community health workers
1. Byatt et al., 2013 ¹¹ , USA 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Obstetrics & gynaecology department at tertiary care referral centre	Pharmacotherapy for perinatal depression	1. Perinatal women with depression 2. Obstetrics & gynaecology resident and faculty physicians, nurses and support staff in the OB/gyn department
1. Chartier et al., 2015 ¹² , Canada 2. 80%	1. Case study 2. Community based	Towards Flourishing Mental Health Promotion Strategy – a demonstration project added to an existing home visiting programme aimed at preventing mental health problems.	1. Women in home visiting programme with a child less than 1yr of age 2. Paraprofessional home visitors
1. Cox et al., 2017 ¹⁴ , USA 2. 83%	1. Descriptive 2. Obstetrics & gynaecology department, North Carolina healthcare system	Universal screening and a perinatal psychiatry programme. All mothers screened at 1, 3 and 6-month well-baby clinic visits and 6-week postnatal visits and referred as needed based on EPDS ^c cut-off scores. The NICU clinic met 1 day/week with 5-8 women. Nurse-practitioners met with mothers and families at the NICU bedside. Home visitation – utilised either the Parents as Teachers or the Healthy Families home-visiting models. Frequency of visits range from weekly to monthly or less frequent dependent on needs. Actual length of programme varies but may serve families with children up to 5years old.	1. Perinatal women who scored between 6 and 9 or 10 or greater on the EPDS ^c . 2. Specialised psychiatric nurse-practitioners
1. Doering, Maletta, Laszewski, Witchman, & Hammel, 2017 ¹³ , USA 2. 90%	1. Qualitative 2. Home visiting/ community based	1. Mothers of infants with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. Home visitors and home visiting supervisors	1. Mothers of infants with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. Home visitors and home visiting supervisors
1. Drozd, Haga, Lisoy, & Slimming, 2018 ¹⁴ , Norway 2. 60%	1. Qualitative 2. Well baby clinics	Women screened at 6 time points. Offered a free, universal online preventative intervention called Mamma Mia – 44 online sessions.	1. Pregnant women with or at high risk of depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. days pre-service delivery training, written educational materials, information brochure for pregnant women, pamphlets to aid in

				6-year professional degree in clinical psychology. More than a third had education in the EPDS ^c . Mean age was 52.6 years. Majority were female. N/A
1. Eappen et al., 2018 ^s , Peru 2. 83%	1. Descriptive 2. Community based	Thinking Healthy Programme – non-pharmacological cognitive behavioural intervention, 16 1-hour sessions grouped into five modules.	2. Midwives and public health nurses. Secondary – community psychologists and GPs.	their programme delivery, coaching sessions, and a 2-day maintenance seminar.
1. Feinberg et al., 2006 ^t , USA 2. 83%	1. Descriptive 2. Community health centres in Boston	Paediatric based maternal depression detection and management system-structured, standardised and validated screening tool and guidance to assess and manage depression.	1. Perinatal women with depression measured by PHQ ^d and EPDS ^c 2. Community health workers	Four days training by <i>Socios En Salud</i> in maternal-child health, providing accompaniment to mothers invited to participate. 1. Mothers attending well-child visits from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds (Hispanic, Caribbean, Cambodian and Vietnamese) 2. Paediatric providers
1. Friedman, Kaplan, Rosenthal, & Console, 2010 ^t , USA 2. 80%	1. Descriptive 2. Community health centre, Ohio	The Lullaby 101 Program – hour long weekly lullaby group	NR	NR
1. Fernandez Y Garcia et al. 2011 ^t , USA 2. 100%	1. Descriptive 2. General paediatric clinics	Patient Health Questionnaire ⁴ 2 – screening with verbal administration and a yes or no answer format. Converted to a written format.	1. Mothers of infants aged up to 6 months 2. Paediatricians	N/A
1. Ganann et al., 2019 ^t , Canada 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Community service providers	Accessible services for immigrant women with postnatal depression. Services defined as first contact services for women experiencing postnatal depression (e.g., family physicians, public health nurses), other services supportive of women experiencing postnatal depression, and specialty services such as psychiatrists.	1. Perinatal immigrant women 2. Health and social service providers	1. Health and social care service providers 2. 14
1. Hadfield, Glendinning, Bee, & Witkowski, 2019 ^t , UK 2. 90%	1. Qualitative 2. Primary mental health services in the NHS	Group therapy interventions - 6 sessions, 2 hours long each. 12 individuals in each session.	1. Mothers of infants 2. Primary mental health workers	1. Mothers 2. 14
1. Higgins et al., 2018 ^s , Ireland 2. 80%	1. Cross-sectional qualitative survey	Screening and discussing perinatal mental health problems with women in the perinatal period.	1. Perinatal women 2. Midwives and primary care nurses	1. Midwives and nurses 2. 809

			Aged 50 years and over – 34%. Most had a postgraduate diploma/master/PhD as their highest academic qualification – 45.5%.
2. Primary care settings (GPs, maternity care)			Majority were in their role for 11 years or more. Mean 24.75 years. Mean gestational age was 15.53 weeks. 25% participants were primigravida's. 28% - second pregnancy. 22% - third pregnancy. Majority were not married, had a high school degree or higher education, they were not employed, income less than \$15000.
1. Jallo, Salyer, Ruiz, & French, 2015 ¹⁸ , USA 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Academic obstetric clinics affiliated with 2 large metropolitan health systems; Southeastern Virginia provided a remote guided practice	12 weeks guided imagery intervention – mind creates mental images that connects to emotions leading to changes in feeling and physiologic states. 4 tracks with each track lasting 20 minutes. Participants listened to one track once a day, first in a sequenced order from week 1-4 and then in own order from week 5-12.	1. Pregnant women with high levels of stress 2. Remote guided practice N/A
1. Judd, Stafford, Gibson, & Ahrens, 2011 ¹⁸ , Australia 2. 100%	1. Descriptive 2. Early Motherhood Service (primary care/ midwifery care)	The Early Motherhood Service (EMS) – Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm or referrals directed to the triage service. Assessments occur antenatally on maternity ward or during the postnatal period on site at the hospital, the EMS office or woman's home. On-site depression prevention intervention – individual format, sessions offered in either English or Spanish at time of their prenatal appointments.	N/A 1. Stakeholders 2. 14 Specialist training in perinatal mental health, family therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy, and grief counselling.
1. Kerker et al., 2018 ¹⁹ , USA 2. 78%	1. Descriptive 2. Women's health clinic in a New York City public hospital	1. Pregnant lower income women with depressive symptoms measured by PHQ ^d . Women came from different ethnic backgrounds (Hispanic; Black; White; Asian; Other) 2. Prenatal educators – volunteer students, professional and peer-partners.	N/A 10 hours of classroom and didactic sessions. N/A N/A
1. Kim et al, 2009 ²⁰ , USA, 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Academic medical centre, hospital campus	EPDS ^c in the context of a programme that facilitates screening, provides behavioural health follow up, educates providers and maintains a 24/7 hotline for crisis intervention. EPDS ^c screening conducted at 24-28 weeks of gestation, positive screens passed on to internal team of mental health professionals. It is then documented and communicated to obstetric provider.	NR 1. Obstetric care providers 2. 22 Job roles were obstetricians (n = 19) or nurse-midwives (n = 3). Participants represented both hospital-employed and private practice groups in geographically and socio-economically diverse suburban communities of a major metropolitan area.

1. Leger, Letourneau, & Weaver, 2015 ²¹ , Canada	1. Qualitative 2. Community based	Mothers Offering Mentorship and Support (MOMS) – home based peer support, in home weekly visits for 12 weeks, duration of 1 hour to 1.5 hours. Postnatal depression screening programme using EPDS ^c and treatment initiation process. EPDS forms given at 1, 2 and 4-month routine well-child visits, reviewed and sent to a centralised screening location for further review. If patient within healthcare system, EPDS entered into medical record. High scores to be discussed with woman and offered referrals.	1. New mothers with postnatal depression 2. Peer mentor volunteers	NR	1. Peer mentors 2. 6	NR
2. 80% 1. Lind, Richter, Craft, & Shapiro, 2017 ⁹ , USA 2. 100%	1. Descriptive 2. Large multispecialty healthcare organisation with multiple community-based clinics in the Midwestern US	Integrated Perinatal Mental Health program – screening is done initially at the obstetric intake visit using EPDS. Negative score → provide education and anticipatory guidance. Positive score → acknowledge, assess and refer.	1. Women arriving for postnatal care 2. Multiple specialty department involved in the care of the women at risk for postnatal depression.	Electronic learning module included as part of routine mandatory annual education process of clinicians that explained the new process of screening.	N/A	N/A
1. Lomonaco-Haycraft et al., 2018 ⁵⁰ , USA 2. 100%	1. Descriptive 2. Denver Health Medical Center	An EPDS is administered twice during pregnancy. All screened at 6-week postnatal, 2, 4 and 6-month well-child visits.	1. Perinatal women 2. Psychologists, clinical social workers, addictions counsellors, and psychiatrist.	NR	NR	N/A
1. Masood et al., 2015 ²² , UK 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Across Manchester and Lancashire – general practices and children centres.	Positive Health Programme – psychosocial intervention, 23 women put into 4 groups using the cognitive behavioural model. 12 weekly group sessions over 3 months, manual organised into 9 sessions. Adapted for and offered to British South Asian women.	1. Mothers experiencing postnatal depression as diagnosed by CIS-R ^e 2. Trained research staff	NR	1. British South Asian women 2. 17	Interview participants – aged 20-45 years. Most married, one divorced. Majority Pakistani ethnicity.
1. McCauley, Brown, Ofosu, & van den, 2019 ³³ , Ghana 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Obstetric department in the largest teaching hospital in Accra, Ghana	Routine screening for maternal mental health during and after pregnancy	1. Women with maternal mental health issues. 2. Healthcare providers	NR	1. Healthcare providers 2. 24	20 doctors, and 4 nurse midwives. Majority female (n = 13). Aged between 25 and 50 years. Most were junior doctors and have between 1-5 years of experience providing routine maternity care.
1. McKenzie-McHarg, Crockett, Olander, & Ayers, 2014 ⁵³ , UK 2. 40%	1. Qualitative 2. Warwick Hospital, NHS	Pink sticker communication system – alerts midwifery and obstetric staff ensuring identified women receive appropriate tailored, and emotionally intelligent care.	1. Midwives 2. Midwives	4 hours of specific training in perinatal psychology, information on the pink sticker system, combining info about psychological presentations and education on how midwives could support women with problems through pregnancy and labour.	1. Midwives and women who had a pink sticker 2. 57	Midwives ranged across seniority from at least 2 years qualified to very senior, had all cared for a number of women who had presented with a pink sticker within the last year. All women participants had delivered within the previous year.

1. Munodawafa, Lund, & Schneider, 2017 ⁵ , South Africa 2. 100%	1. Qualitative 2. Community based, Khayelitsha, Cape Town	Task sharing counselling intervention – 6 to 8 sessions. The sessions were structured manual-based psychosocial individual face to face counselling sessions either at participant homes or at the clinic. Based on CBT, IPT, and problems solving therapy principles. Sessions were in the antenatal phase and could continue to postnatal phase. Referrals were made if participants showed any suicidal ideation and if assistance needed was beyond the scope of the workers intervention.	1. Women with perinatal depression 2. Lay counsellors	5-day workshop on how to implement the manual-based intervention. 2-3 hours weekly group supervision and ongoing training in addition to 30min of individual supervision monthly.	1. Community health workers 2. 6
1. Myors, Johnson, Cleary, & Schmied, 2015 ⁶ , Australia 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Two specialist perinatal and infant mental health services in New South Wales	Perinatal and infant mental health (PIMH) services - 'Supporting Families Early' policy which provides a framework of promotion, prevention, early intervention, and treatment for mothers, infants, and their families. Psychosocial assessment and depression screening in the antenatal and early postnatal periods aims to identify women at risk for poor perinatal mental health. The needs of women identified with risk factors are discussed at multidisciplinary case review meetings, and if necessary, referral to specialised services is initiated. The risk factors are categorised into three levels: (i) level 1: no risks identified; (ii) level 2: social issues, such as poor support networks; and (iii) level 3: complex issues, such as maternal mental illness.	1. Women at risk for poor perinatal mental health outcomes, ~20% of women attending these services are non-English speaking 2. Clinicians	NR	1. PIMH clinicians, their managers, key stakeholders, and women service users 2. 24
1. Nakku et al., 2016 ⁷ , Uganda 2. 90%	1. Qualitative 2. Primary care settings in a low income, Kamuli district in Eastern Uganda	Volunteers from within the community are nominated by members of the community to form Village Health Teams (VHTs). These VHTs are entrusted with taking care of health matters of the village where they live, and they mobilise people for health programmes as well as identify and refer individuals who need care. There is no built structure at this level and there are no qualified health staff. The Kamuli district has only one psychiatric clinical officer (equivalent of a nurse practitioner or nurse prescriber) and a handful of psychiatric nurses. These are all based at the only public hospital and largely work in non-medical health clinics, leaving most of the district with no access to psychiatry	1. Pregnant and postnatal women 2. Midwives, Village Health Teams (VHT's), psychiatric clinical officer, psychiatric nurses	1. Pregnant and postnatal women, VHT's, key informants 2. 76	Age range from 18-47. Majority female participants (84%). Majority of pregnant and postnatal women only had primary education (n = 36). All Village Health Teams had secondary education. All key informants had up to tertiary education. Majority of participants were from Christian religion.

		personnel. Perinatal women with mental illness are only identified if they are severe enough to be psychotic or suicidal, in which case they are not treated but immediately referred to the regional hospital in the neighboring district of Jinja, sixty kilometers away. Depression and other common mental disorders normally remain undetected and untreated at the primary care level.	1. Perinatal mental health screening – Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale ³	NR	1. Health professionals and women from refugee background 2. 37	Roles of health professionals included midwives, obstetricians, nurses, psychiatrist, mental health expert, maternity general practice liaison officer, community mental health team leader, refugee health experts, bicultural worker, interpreters.	Majority of women were from an Afghan ethnicity. Majority had 5-10 years of experience. Majority were from Urban practice type. There were equal numbers of males and females.	Mean age was 31.3 years. 30% had an £40000 to £49000 income. 40% had an income of £80,000+ Work status was either homemaker, full or part time employment, a student or volunteer. Majority (80%) were in a relationship. 40% had up to post-16 qualification. Majority (56%) had 1 child.	1. Midwives, doctors and maternity service managers
1. Nithianandan et al., 2016 ²⁸ , Australia 2. 90%	1. Qualitative 2. Monash Health, south-east Melbourne	1. Qualitative 2. GP Practice	1. Women with perinatal mental health problems. 2. General practitioners	NR	1. General practitioners 2. 10				
1. Noonan, Doody, O'Regan, Jonesen, & Galvin, 2018 ²⁹ , Ireland 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Online based, UK wide	1. Qualitative 2. GP Practice	1. Women with perinatal mental health problems. 2. General practitioners	N/A	1. Women from the Netmums trial 2. 17				
1. O'Mahen et al., 2015 ³⁴ , UK 2. 100%	1. Qualitative 2. Online based, UK wide	1. Qualitative 2. Online	1. Women with postnatal depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. Online	Online treatment -11-sessions of Behavioural Activation for Postnatal Depression	1. Women from the Netmums trial 2. 17				
1. Ormsby, Dahlén, Ee, Keedle, & Smith, 2018 ³¹ , Australia 2. 90%	1. Qualitative 2. Hospitals in Western Sydney, Australia	1. Qualitative 2. Hospitals in Western Sydney, Australia	1. Perinatal women with antenatal depression 2. Midwives and doctors providing referrals.	Referral onto acupuncture – a new treatment within the hospital, which is individually tailored low-risk Chinese	NR				

		medical treatment as a supplementary therapeutic option for antenatal depression.		2.27	expertise. However, most had worked for more than 30 years in their current roles. Sample included nutritionists, nurses, case managers, administrative assistants, intake specialists and programme coordinators.
1. Pineros-Leano, Tabb, Sears, Meline, & Huang, 2015 ³² , USA 2. 100%	1. Qualitative 2. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – Public health clinic	Mobile health technology – use of mobile electronic devices to assist in healthcare provisions and management.	1. Pregnant and postnatal women 2. Nutritionists, nurses, case managers, administrative assistants, intake specialists	NR	1. Staff members from the Maternal Child Health division of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
1. Pugh, Hadjistavropoulos, Hampton, Bowen, & Williams, 2015 ³³ , Canada 2. 100%	1. Qualitative 2. Online based	Specialised internet therapy programme adapted from a Therapist-Assisted Internet Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (TAICBT) programme for major depression. Programme consisted of 7 modules. Following completion, weekly offline homework activities were assigned, and clients received one email a week from their assigned internet therapist. Promoting resilience in mothers' emotions' (PRIME) – counselling. Women were offered this antenatally and 6 weeks postnatal.	Trained in and supervised in the provision of TAICBT. 1. Postnatal women with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c . 2. Internet therapist – researcher.	2.25	Majority (92%) from Caucasian ethnicity. Majority (96%) were married/common law/engaged. Majority (87%) had a college, some university or undergraduate degree. Most (46%) had given birth once.
1. Reed, Fenwick, Hauck, Gamble, & Creedy, 2014 ³⁴ , Australia 2. 80%	1. Qualitative 2. Two tertiary maternity hospitals in the Australian states of Queensland and Western Australia.	NHS Perinatal mental health services offered by two different NHS trusts from two strategic health authorities – an inner-city area and a more urban/rural area.	1. Perinatal women with symptoms of birth trauma 2. Midwives	1. Midwives 2. 18	All were female, aged 26-59 years, with a mean of 13 years clinical midwifery experience. 7 were educated in the tertiary sector and 11 in a hospital-based midwifery programme.
1. Rowan, McCourt, & Bick, 2010 ³⁵ , UK 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. Two NHS Trusts from two strategic health authorities – an inner-city area and a more urban/rural area.	1. Women with mental health needs 2. Range of health professionals	NR	1. Health professionals 2. 8	NR
1. Segre, Pollack, Brock, Andrew, & O'Hara, 2014 ³⁶ , USA 2. 80%	1. Mixed methods 2. Maternity unit of a Mid-western academic medical centre.	Train the Trainer Maternal Depression screening programme (TTT)-incorporated the use of the EPDS ^c tool.	1. Perinatal women with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c . 2. Maternity unit administrative nurses	1. Maternity unit nurses 2. 34	Most nurses were white/non-Hispanic and ranged from 36 to 55 years of age. Majority had a bachelor's degree and approximately 1/3 were employed full-time. The mean of the women was 34 years; range = 19 to 42 years. Majority (n= 37) were white. Most (n = 24) were upper or middle class.
1. Shakespeare, Blake, & Garcia, 2003 ³⁷ , UK 2. 70%	1. Qualitative 2. GP practices in Oxford City Primary Care Group.	Oxford City Postnatal Depression Strategy – routine screening with EPDS ^c at 8 weeks and 8 months after birth. Subsequent actions such as non-directive counselling is based on screening score and health visitor assessment.	1. Postnatal women 2. Health visitors	1. Postnatal women 2. 39	4-6 half-day sessions followed by 2-monthly supervision. 6-8 hours of personal study using a resource pack entitled "The emotional effects of childbirth" and 1 day of

<p>1. Shorey & Ng, 2019³⁸, Singapore 2. 80%</p> <p>1. Qualitative 2. Tertiary hospital in Singapore</p>	<p>Technology-based peer support intervention programme (PIP) – support from peer volunteers for at least 1 month after birth including a minimum of once a week correspondence through any technology-based means. Frequency and duration were tailored to maternal needs.</p>	<p>basic training and subsequent mentoring. Training session by a psychiatrist.</p> <p>1. Mothers at risk of postnatal depression 2. Peer volunteers</p>	<p>1. Mothers and peer volunteers 2. 39</p> <p>Mothers – 25-40 years of age 50% were Chinese; 45% Malay; 5% Indian 95% married</p> <p>80% university undergraduates 50% monthly household income of over 5000 SS</p>	<p>Peer volunteers – 25-54 years 90% were Chinese; 90% married 68% university graduates; 47% monthly household income of over 5000SS</p>
<p>1. Vik, Aass, Willumsen, & Hatting, 2009³⁹, Norway 2. 80%</p> <p>1. Willey et al., 2019⁴⁰, Australia 2. 80%</p>	<p>1. Qualitative 2. Norwegian health centres</p> <p>1. Mixed methods 2. Refugee antenatal clinic in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Australia</p>	<p>EPDS^c screening by health visitors</p> <p>Perinatal mental health screening programme – routine use of the mental health psychosocial questionnaire and use of EPDS^c. Undertook screening using iPad and the iCope system (generates immediate screening score and report with recommendation). Following assessment, women referred to counselling or other services.</p> <p>Women were asked the Whooley^f questions by midwives during their booking appointment.</p>	<p>NR</p> <p>NR</p> <p>1. Health visitors and one midwife 2. 7</p> <p>1. Mothers with postnatal depression 2. Health visitors</p> <p>1. Pregnant women of refugee background 2. Midwives</p>	<p>6 of the participants were experienced health visitors with a three-year bachelor's degree and 1 year of specialising in a community health service. Employed across all areas of implementation and included midwives, midwifery managers, bi-cultural workers and administrators, the Refugee Health Nurse Liaison, and counsellors.</p> <p>1. Health professionals 2. 31</p>
<p>1. Williams, Turner, Burns, Evans, & Bennert, 2016⁴¹, UK 2. 80%</p>	<p>1. Qualitative 2. NHS Maternity care, antenatal booking appointment</p>	<p>Women were asked the Whooley^f questions by midwives during their booking appointment.</p>	<p>NR</p> <p>NR</p> <p>1. Pregnant women 2. Midwives</p>	<p>1. Midwives and women 2. 35</p>
<p>1. Young et al., 2019⁵, San Francisco, USA 2. 90%</p>	<p>1. Qualitative 2. Paediatric primary care clinic – Kempe Clinic</p>	<p>All women complete the EPDS^c at each well child visit, provided by medical assistants, filled out via self-report and reviewed by paediatrician or social worker. Multidisciplinary team work together to create an individualised plan for each</p>	<p>NR</p> <p>1. Postnatal mothers 2. 20</p> <p>1. Postnatal women. Most women were Hispanic (60%) 2. Psychiatrists</p>	<p>Most midwives were aged 50+. All white-British ethnicity. Most been practicing for over 20 years and over since completing midwifery training. Most had no mental health qualification.</p> <p>Most women were aged 30-39 years. Majority of White-British ethnicity. Majority had previous experience of depression.</p> <p>6 participants were monolingual Spanish speakers, age ranged from 25-49 years. Nearly half were active patients at time of interview whilst other half had ceased receiving care for various</p>

parent-child dyad. Appointments (2-45mins) scheduled so they are seen on the same day as their child's paediatric visit. Women can be offered follow up for an unlimited number of appointments at a frequency mutually agreeable. Women could be prescribed medication or referred for therapy or other services.

reasons. Majority (60%) were Hispanic-White ethnicity. Majority (80%) had a primary diagnosis of a major depressive disorder.

Note. N/A = Not applicable, NR Not reported. ^aHADS = The Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale⁵⁶; ^bCES-D = Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale⁵⁷; ^cEPDS = Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale⁵⁸; ^dPHQ = Patient Health Questionnaire⁵⁹; ^eCIS-R = The Clinical Interview Schedule-Revised⁶⁰; ^fWhooley Questions⁶¹ to assess depression symptoms.

Appendix 7. Descriptive themes definition and representative quote

Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Individual level factors Definition	Representative quote
Additional personal difficulties (n = 10)	Difficulties that women may have that are not related to perinatal mental illness, such as poverty.	“My husband’s business is not doing well, financially we are struggling, we have children to look after, we have the responsibility to marry them off and give them dowry etc., all these worries are pulling me down. Talking to [the peer volunteer] can’t help me” ⁷
Family (n = 15)	The opinions or beliefs of women’s family about perinatal mental illness or perinatal mental health treatment.	“My husband did not want me to go; he did not let me go anywhere. I had to look after my children, but he just wanted me to sit with him and talk to him.” ²²
Health beliefs (n = 2)	Women’s beliefs about the causes of perinatal mental illness.	“If I’ve got a predisposition to it ... it’s probably more chemical than just something that can be changed by my behaviour.” ³⁰
Awareness or knowledge about perinatal mental illness (n = 7)	Women’s knowledge about the symptoms or presentation of perinatal mental illness.	“I meet a lot of people who are acting out what they are feeling because they don’t know how to name or to identify what they are feeling ...” ⁴⁷ (Healthcare professional speaking about women)
Reluctance or inability to attend (n = 13)	Women either not wanting to, or not being able to attend perinatal mental healthcare for various reasons such as lack of time, childcare or transport.	“Just getting to the damn appointments, because usually, she likes to see me right around my nap time ... I need that all-day nap. I take, like, five-hour naps.” ⁴²
Symptoms of psychological difficulty (n = 3)	Symptoms of perinatal mental illness getting in the way of attending care or participating in treatment.	“Cause it’s like some days, obviously when I’d be having a bad day, and I’d be thinking oh I don’t wanna go out I’ve gotta get them ready, I’ve gotta get them in the car, and I’ve gotta get the pram together to get there and I just didn’t want to.” ¹⁷

Healthcare Professional Factors		
Descriptive theme	Definition	Representative quote
Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)		
Characteristics of healthcare professionals (n = 19)	The way healthcare professionals acted towards women. For example, open, non-judgmental, willing to listen, motivated and interested healthcare professionals were valued by women.	“She was good in every possible way, she was good at her job, the way she talked and behaved. She encouraged me, helped me get support from my family members, have my routine check-ups, spend quality time with my family and not to worry too much, as it could impact the baby.” ⁸
Collaborative working (n = 18)	Healthcare professionals working together to improve care for women.	“I think that for any one organization to know their community, to have inroads into the community is impossible. And so for partnerships I think that different organizations have different levels of penetration within the community and it's good to capitalize on what other organizations have and are doing.” ¹⁶
Communication between healthcare professionals (n = 10)	Clear communication amongst healthcare professionals.	“I think [referrals] are dependent on the nurses ... Some nurses refer more than others. It all boils down to the amount of interaction the nurse has with the social worker and how much she/he believes in the ability of the social worker.” ⁹
Confidence of healthcare providers (n = 12)	Healthcare professional's belief in their ability to provide the care being offered to women.	“I don't think I was ever great at it [providing counselling] because it's completely different to the way we normally would do things.” ³⁴
Dedicated person to act as women's advocate (n = 7)	Someone who can explain the process of the service and who is there for women throughout the care pathway.	“A face to face introduction to somebody in the Refugee Health Service such as [refugee health nurse] makes a huge difference to a woman's likelihood of accepting a referral to a service.” ²⁸
Heavy workload (n = 20)	A heavy workload or not enough time to provide the care being offered by the service.	“We are only 3 midwives and for one midwife to deal with 80 patients is very hectic... So we

		do not have enough time to handle mental health issues.” ²⁷
Descriptive theme	Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Representative quote
Knowledge (n = 8)	Healthcare professional’s knowledge about perinatal mental health or the care being offered.	“I don’t think mental health has really been one of those things that is commonly taught, [the] part of our training which is dedicated to mental health is small.” ²³
Supervision/Support (n = 6)	The opportunity for healthcare professionals to have a place to reflect and raise issues.	“I did not believe in myself that I would be able to do the job, but because of the support we received from our supervisor and the counselling ... I am very competent.” ²⁵
Training (n = 27)	The opportunity for healthcare professionals to learn about perinatal mental illness and the care they are providing to women.	“I’ve never received any formal training in this area. I do not feel adequately trained to detect postpartum depression.” ²⁰
Interpersonal factors		
	Definition	Representative quote
Continuity of carer (n = 8)	Women being able to see the same person across the care pathway.	“Everyday my doctor was changed I couldn’t make a relationship with...my doctor.” ²⁸
Language barriers (n = 10)	Difficulties in communication due to women and healthcare professionals speaking different languages.	“When somebody has a language barrier you need time to kind of get a proper picture of what’s going on. If the person is struggling with words or trying to find the right words to explain themselves, right? And 15 minutes for an appointment doesn’t cut it.” ¹⁶
Open and honest communication (n = 11)	Women and healthcare professionals being able to speak openly and honestly without fear of judgement.	“And I was so grateful, and then I just talked to her, and it was so nice to be able to talk freely with her [about the EPDS] at the time.” ³⁷
Privacy and confidentiality (n = 8)	Women and healthcare professionals being able to interact in privacy.	“The interruptions took me longer to really get relaxed.” ¹⁸
Trusting relationship (n = 15)	Women feeling safe with healthcare professionals to be able to be open and honest about their feelings.	“It gave me the opportunity to off load myself. Only a mother, who has gone through similar problems, can understand how another mother is feeling.” ⁷

Medication	
Descriptive theme	Definition
Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Representative quote
Healthcare professional's reluctance (n = 4)	<p>Healthcare professionals having little confidence in prescribing medication or knowing which medications are safe during pregnancy and breastfeeding.</p> <p>Women not wanting to take medication.</p>
Women's reluctance (n = 4)	<p>“I won't go on medication, and that's all they have.’ I hear that a lot, too. Like, ‘I refuse to go on medication for the rest of my life.”¹³ (Home visitor about women).</p>
Design of the care	
Descriptive theme	Definition
Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Representative quote
Appropriateness of care (n = 6)	<p>Care sensitively designed to fit women's needs.</p> <p>Women value being able to choose what care they receive.</p>
Choice (n = 6)	<p>Other effective ways in which home visitors were able to introduce [the care package] to families included:...giving parents the opportunity to choose which strategy they wished to try.¹²</p> <p>“I was told this was a questionnaire to identify people having problems with postnatal depression and that was it, there was no treatment or no consequences discussed. It wasn't clear to me what would happen if I ticked the bad boxes.”³⁷</p>
Clarity of assessment (n = 2)	<p>Explaining the purpose of assessment to women.</p>
Delivery in a healthcare setting (n = 12)	<p>Provision of care in a healthcare setting, such as in a hospital.</p> <p>“The way things happen in this hospital, having tests and ultrasounds being done is not easy. I was feeling anxious during the session because it is so noisy and chaotic.”⁷</p>

Delivery in home setting (n = 5)	Provision of care at women's homes.	“I was more relaxed in my own environment.” ²⁶
Face to face delivery (n = 4)	Provision of face to face care, as opposed to over the phone or online.	“An in-person therapist would be able to personalize the learning process a little more, and spend more time on things I needed to spend more time on.” ³³
Fitting in with women's lifestyle (n = 3)	Interventions that fit easily into women's lifestyles.	“Some of the activities are hard to complete with a baby and that ends up aggravating the issue.” ³³
Flexibility (n = 13)	Flexibility of delivery and access to care to fit in with women's needs.	“I loved that I could access the program anytime. It fit into my schedule in a way that traditional therapy could not have, as my baby is demanding and my husband works out of town.” ³³
Group delivery (n = 3)	Delivery of care in a group setting, with other women with similar difficulties.	“Our clients really want to talk about themselves and I am expected to insist that they talk about their relationships with others ... Based on my experience clients really need the attention to be focused on them.” ⁹
Healthcare professional's perception (n = 19)	The way in which healthcare professionals perceived the care or treatment they were providing.	“I ended up making a really good friend out of the group, erm, so to me I did find that the group ... We speak to each other nearly every day, and if we're struggling then we talk to each other about it.” ¹⁷
Manualised therapy (n = 2)	Interventions performed according to specific guidelines.	“I thought it was a good idea from the beginning ... It doesn't take a lot of time. I think sometimes it can be challenging just to get people to complete it.” ³⁶
Open inclusion criteria (n = 2)	Allowing women with different mental health difficulties to access to the same service.	“We could not change [the sessions]. We had to do them as they were outlined because if you changed it you would make mistakes. [The manual] provided guidance.” ²⁵

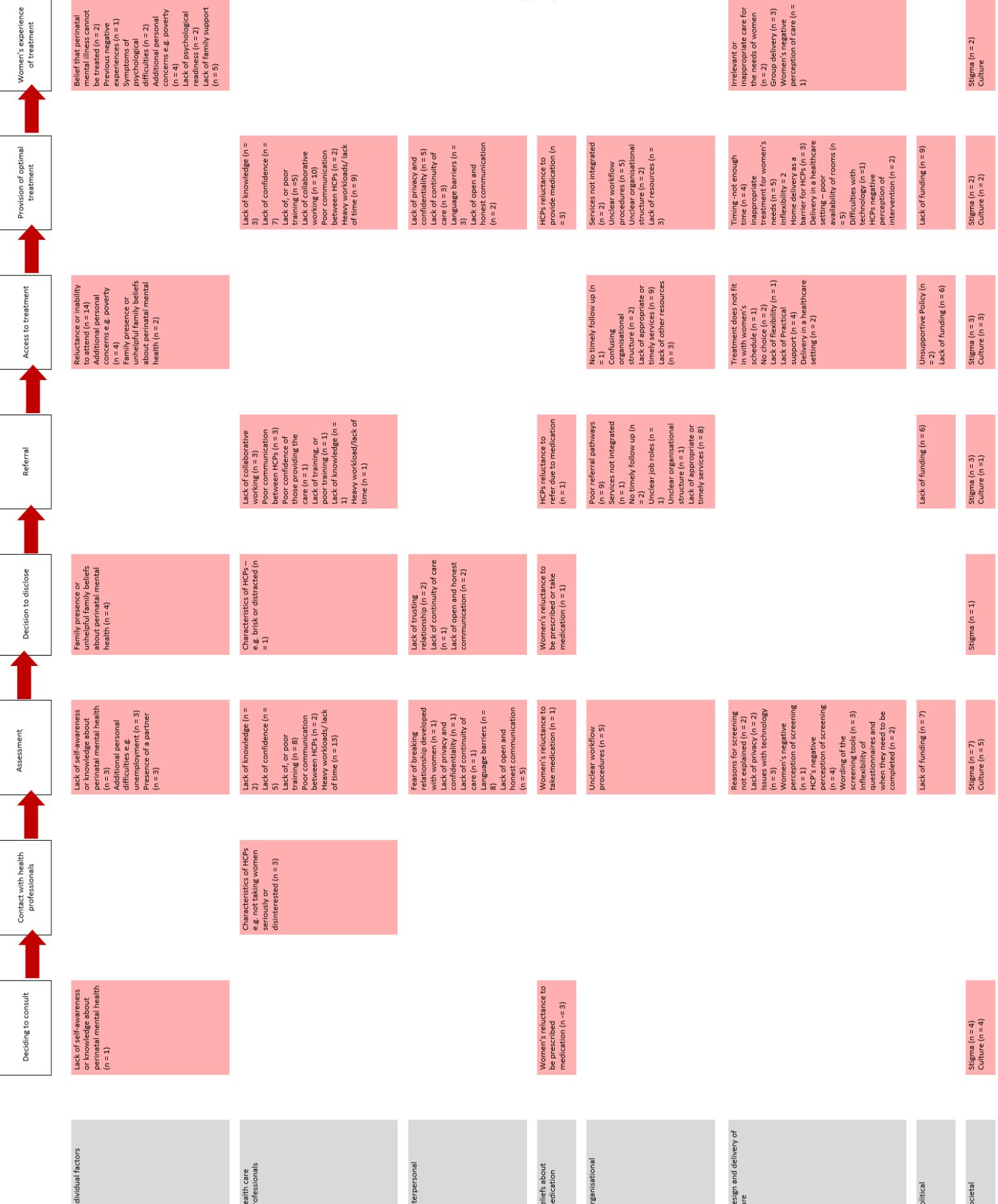
Patient centred (n = 5)	Being aware of patient's needs and providing care with women at the centre.	“Most of the time I give it [screening questionnaire] to them ... if they have cognitive delays, I'll ask them if they want me to read it to them.” ¹³
Practical support (n = 10)	The provision of support that allowed women to access care, such as providing a creche or paying for travel.	“And we were offered a crèche facility; I used to take him there; otherwise it would have been really difficult for me.” ²²
Relevance to women (n = 2)	Whether the content of the intervention was relevant to women's needs.	“... the online course, it was tailored to my needs at the time and I think that's how it helped so much.” ³⁰
Techniques women found useful (n = 4)	Most women found personalised therapy that challenged their thoughts and beliefs (e.g. CBT approaches) useful.	“The beginning modules that explain reasons, triggers etc. it really helped me to stop blaming myself and stop feeling like I was somehow ‘weak’” ³³
Technology (n = 11)	The use of technology to provide care and treatment such as reminders on screens, completing assessment questionnaires on tablets, communicating via WhatsApp, or completing therapy online.	“I just think it's the initial getting used to ... just even logging into it, and doing all of that was a hassle when I first started. It's, 'Oh, this is all so hard.' But it's so simple now, because we're used to it ... it's like anything ... any tool that you use over and over again, it becomes more simple ... it's a really good way to screen the ladies ... I love the idea, because it's quite modern.” ⁴⁰
Timing (n = 5)	The pace at which an intervention was delivered.	“The only thing I found difficult was adhering to the expected timeline, and often felt anxiety associated with it. However, [the internet therapist] was very understanding, always encouraging me to work at my own pace.” ³³
Women's perception of the care (n = 7)	The way in which women perceived the care or treatment they were receiving.	“I got a lot of benefit from engaging in the healthy activities suggested by her (the therapist). I used to feel sluggish in my previous pregnancies, but now I am feeling active and energised.” ⁸
Wording of assessment tools (n = 3)	The clarity of the wording of the assessment tools.	“I have some moms [who] ask questions about [the EPDS], like, 'What does it mean

where things are getting on top of me? What do you mean?' You know, so they, they don't always understand the questions."¹³

Organisational factors		
Descriptive theme	Definition	Representative quote
Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)		
Organisational structure (n = 5)	A structure in which the purpose of each part of the organisation is clear and meets all of women's needs, ensuring women don't fall through gaps.	Although a plan of care was organised for antenatal women with a serious mental health problem, there were issues for her management if she became ill after birth. ³⁵
Referral pathways (n = 12)	Having a clear and easy process to allow for women to be referred to other services.	"We have to send the form; the patient has to ring to say did you get the form and I am now confirming that I am going to go and then they get an appointment, for someone who is very distressed and you are asking them to jump through hoops." ²⁹
Workflow procedures (n = 13)	Knowledge of job roles and processes within the organisation. The understanding of which tasks need to be done by whom, and how to achieve these tasks.	"We have everything on the computer. There's a flowsheet that everything has to be filled out so it comes up between 26 and 28 weeks." ²⁰
Lack of appropriate or timely services (n = 9)	Not having anywhere to refer women on to due to lack of services or being able to refer women on to other services but the waiting time being long.	"I could see that [the EPDS score] was high and you make your referrals, and it was months out before she could go ... she had to almost take her life to get seen right away. And that's terrible that it has to come to that. I think that's the biggest struggle." ¹³
Resources (n = 5)	Not having enough resources within organisations e.g. medication or support staff.	"...their maternity units did not even have the necessary medication to treat mental illness should this be needed." ²⁷
Service integration (n = 6)	The linking up of different services who deal with different needs, or at different time points across the perinatal period.	"There should have been a link across the divide it's kind of now you're in the hospital, now you're out of hospital, now look after yourself and get back to where you were, it

Timely follow up (n = 3)	Women being followed up by healthcare professionals or other services in short time frame. “Women will often consent at the time of booking in and then . . . [we] might ring them and they (have) changed their minds . . . they’ve had time to go from feeling vulnerable to getting out and going, ‘Oh no, I don’t want anything’” ²⁶	wasn’t as cold as that and it wasn’t intended like that, it’s just the way it happened.” ²⁹
Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Definition	Representative quote
Policy (n = 2)	Plans set out by governmental departments or healthcare systems related to perinatal mental healthcare. Financial resources needed to provide perinatal mental healthcare.	Changes in the system have made things even more complex for clients dealing with anything in terms of mental health. ¹⁶ At times, the [volunteers] ask for facilitation in terms of money and if they are not given money they give up. At times due to political influence, when they ask for help, they are shut down. ²⁷
Funding (n = 10)		
Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n)	Definition	Representative quote
Stigma (n = 21)	Women feeling shame or afraid of admitting to mental health difficulties or seeking help due to stigma.	“Some (women) are afraid of the stigma that the general . . . public have on mental health; the public . . . does not embrace mental health as a real issue.” ¹⁰
Culture (n = 13)	The beliefs and behaviours of a particular group of people or a society.	“They [women] attribute it [mental illness] to these spiritual things, so most of the cases won’t come to the hospital unless of course they realise, maybe, it’s getting out of hand and then they go to the pastor.” ²³

Appendix 8. Care pathway and system level barriers to implementation



Appendix 9. Care pathway and system level facilitators to implementation



Note. HCP = Healthcare professional

Appendix 10. Identification of differences in barriers and facilitators across different health and social care settings

Within hospitals the most cited factors influencing implementation were lack of time or a heavy workload (n = 8); healthcare professional's perception of the care (n = 8); training (n = 7); stigma (n = 7) and unclear workflow procedures (n = 7):

"The one thing I can think of within our system is [that we need] more consistent [reporting of EPDS scores]. We are doing it, but not consistently. In our nursing [shift-change] reports [we could] say where we are with it . . . they sometimes say, 'Oh the postpartum was a 4 and 0 [on item 10 which assesses suicidal thought]' and then they move on. Or they could say, 'I gave them the EPDS, or I've asked them to do it.' You know, it's nice to know where they are at with it"³⁶ (Quote from a Nurse, p. 449).

In primary care, the most commonly cited factors that influenced implementation were stigma (n = 8); family presence (n = 8); heavy workload or lack of time (n = 6) and culture (n = 6):

"Can I be honest with you sometimes I wonder if you really want to open this can of worms and it's so much easier just to jolly along and check the BP, check the urine, check this and that and have them out the door and see the next patient"²⁹ (Quote from a GP, p. 4)

In community settings, or community-based delivery the most important factors were training (n = 8); and the characteristics of the person providing the care (n = 6):

"My experience . . . she liked to hear, she wanted to hear about that, and what stuff was normal"²¹ (Quote from a mother about a peer mentor, p. 31).

Within maternity services, similar factors were important for implementation including training (n = 3) and continuity of carer (n = 3):

"What are your views about the midwife asking these type of screening questions about mental health at the booking visit? P: If I didn't know the midwives and they hadn't known my history I think I probably wouldn't have been honest with them"⁴¹ (Quote from mother about a midwife, p. 44).

With remote or online care, the characteristics of the intervention were the most important factors, including flexibility (n = 2); techniques used (n = 2); privacy and confidentiality (n = 2); ability to fit in with women's schedule (n = 2); and relevance to women (n = 2):

"I loved that I could access the program anytime. It fit into my schedule in a way that traditional therapy could not have, as my baby is demanding and my husband works out of town"³³ (Quote from mother, p.213).

Across low-income countries stigma (n = 4) and lack of training (n = 4) were the most commonly cited barriers to implementation:

"She got upset when I told her that the assessment indicated that she has depression.

She said that she is not mad and stopped me from coming in when I went

for my next visit”⁷ (Pakistan; Quote from a peer volunteer, p.6).

Similarly, where health services were carried out in higher income countries, but with women from a refugee or different cultural background, stigma (n = 6) and lack of healthcare professional training (n = 6), along with healthcare professional’s heavy workloads (n = 6) and lack of collaborative working (n = 6) were the most commonly cited barriers:

“It was difficult for me to accept that [I should see a psychiatrist] because, in our country, those who go to a psychiatrist are crazy. And I thought, ‘I’m not crazy. I don’t need it.’”⁵⁵ (Carried out with mothers who had moved to the USA, p. 938).

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