

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. | Appendix 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 |

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| | | | 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 prenatal* or prepart* or prepart* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or postnat* or postnat* or postpart*) .ti. | 327810 |
| 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 phobia* 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 prenatal* or prepart* or prepart* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or postnat* or postnat* 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 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 |

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|-------|---|---------|
| 18 | Mass Screening/ | 100320 |
| 19 | diagnosis/ or early diagnosis/ | 42564 |
| 20 | (screen* or detect* or diagnos* or assess* or identifi* or prevent* or prophyla*).ti. | 1966922 |
| 21 | psychotherapy/ or behavior therapy/ or exp cognitive behavioral therapy/ | 103857 |
| 22 | counseling/ or exp directive counseling/ | 38681 |
| 23 | exp antidepressive agents/ or exp anti-anxiety agents/ | 202744 |
| 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. | 1913593 |
| 25 | ("improving access to psychological therap*" or iapt).ti.ab. | 202 |
| 26 | ((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 prophyla*).ti.ab. | 292461 |
| 27 | ((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 anti-depress* 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 |
| 37 | ((process or project* or system*) adj5 evaluat*).ti.ab. | 106519 |
| 38 | 32 or 33 or 34 or 35 or 36 or 37 | 3623609 |
| 39 | 31 and 38 | 7134 |
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| # | Searches | Results |
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|----|---|---------|
| 1 | prenatal care/ or newborn period/ or perinatal period/ or prenatal period/ | 86803 |
| 2 | *Pregnancy/ | 135647 |
| 3 | (pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenatal* or prepart* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* 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 prenatal* or prepart* or prepart* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* 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 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 prophyla*).ti,ab. | 403390 |

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| 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 (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,ab. | 398754 |
| 23 | 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 | 6352670 |
| 24 | 14 and 23 | 32297 |
| 25 | exp perinatal depression/di, dt, pc, th | 745 |
| 26 | 24 or 25 | 32463 |
| 27 | therapy delay/ | 12093 |
| 28 | exp Program Evaluation/ or Implementation Science/ | 23326 |
| 29 | (implement* or impact*).ti,ab. | 1983534 |
| 30 | (feasib* or acceptab*).ti,ab. | 640596 |
| 31 | (barrier? or challenge? or obstacle? or facilitat* or enabl* or opportunit* or engage*).ti,ab. | 2468722 |
| 32 | ((process or project* or system*) adj5 evaluat*).ti,ab. | 144615 |
| 33 | 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32 | 4700825 |
| 34 | 26 and 33 | 9784 |
| 35 | conference*.pt. | 4409880 |
| 36 | 34 not 35 | 6742 |

| PsychInfo (1806 – present) | | Results |
|----------------------------|--|---------|
| # | Searches | |
| 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 prenatal* or prepart* or prepart* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* 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/ | 8762 |
| 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 wellbeing or well-being).ti. | 850653 |

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| 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-nat* or prenat* or prepart* or prepart* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* 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 adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive 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 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 well-being or well-being) adj5 (screen* or detect* or diagnos* 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 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 anti-depress* or antianxiety 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 |

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| 31 | ((process or project* or system*) adj5 evaluat*).ti,ab. | 25954 |
| 32 | 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 | 1118217 |
| 33 | 25 and 32 | 4005 |

| CINAHL (1982 – present) | | |
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| # | Query | Results |
| S23 | S19 AND S22 | 3,654 |
| S22 | S20 OR S21 | 945,484 |
| S21 | ((implement* or impact*) OR ((implement* or impact*) OR ((feasib* or acceptab*) OR ((feasib* or acceptab*) OR ((barrier? or challenge? or obstacle? or facilitat* or enabl* or opportunit* or engag*) OR ((barrier? or challenge? or obstacle? or facilitat* or enabl* or opportunit* or engag*)) OR (((process or project* or system*) N5 evaluat*)) OR (((process or project* or system*) N5 evaluat*)) | 916,217 |
| S20 | (MH "Implementation Science") OR (MH "Program Development+") | 75,080 |
| S19 | S17 OR S18 | 11,925 |
| S18 | (MH "Depression, Postpartum/DI/DH/DT/PC/TH") OR (MH "Postpartum Psychosis/DI/DH/DT/TH/PC") | 2,276 |
| S17 | S11 AND S16 | 11,244 |
| S16 | S12 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 | 1,075,199 |
| S15 | TI ((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)) OR TI ("improving access to psychological therap*" or iapt)) OR AB ("improving access to psychological therap*" or iapt)) OR TI (((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) N5 (screen* or detect* or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or phobia* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) N5 (screen* or detect* or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or phobia* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) N5 (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))) OR AB (((mental* or psych* or anxiety or anxious or depress* or mood? or affect* or distress* or stress or trauma* or posttrauma* or adjustment disorder* or phobia* or phobic or obsessive compulsive or wellbeing or well-being) N5 (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))) | 898,631 |
| S14 | (MH "Antidepressive Agents+") | 21,105 |
| S13 | (MH "Psychotherapy+") OR (MH "Cognitive Therapy+") OR (MH "Counseling+") | 196,655 |

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| S12 | (MH "Diagnosis") OR (MH "Early Diagnosis") OR (MH "Health Screening") | 56,371 |
| S11 | S8 OR S9 OR S10 | 25,874 |
| S10 | TI (((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or perinat* or prepart* or prenatal* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or perinat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or postnat* or postpart* or postnat* or postpart*) N5 (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))) OR AB (((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or postnat* or antenat* or ante-part* or prepart* or prenatal* 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))) OR TI ((((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) N5 (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))) AND AB ((((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) N5 (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)))) | 17,380 |
| S9 | (MH "Depression, Postpartum") OR (MH "Postpartum Psychosis") OR (MH "Expectant Mothers/PF") | 7,342 |
| S8 | S4 AND S7 | 17,108 |
| S7 | S5 OR S6 | 451,004 |
| S6 | TI 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 | TI ((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or perinat* or prepart* or prenatal* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or perinat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or postnat* or postnat* or postpart* or postpart*) OR TI (((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) and (infan* or newborn? or neonat* 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 |

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|----|---|---------|
| S8 | S4 AND S7 | 17,108 |
| S7 | S5 OR S6 | 451,004 |
| S6 | TI 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 | TI ((pregnancy or pregnant or pre-nat* or prenatal* or prepart* or ante-nat* or antenat* or ante-part* or antepart* or peri-nat* or perinat* or peri-part* or peripart* or puerper* or post-nat* or postnat* or postpart* or postpart*) OR TI (((parent? or mother* or maternal or father* or paternal) and (infan* or newborn? or neonat* 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 | |
| | Socioeconomic status | Theoretical model of care | |
| | Mental health problems | Medium of care (e.g. face to face) | |
| | Measurement of mental health problems | Person providing care | |
| | 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 |
| Atif et al. (2016) ⁷ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Atif et al. (2020) ⁸ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Bina et al. (2018) ⁹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Boyd et al. (2011) ¹⁰ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Byatt et al. (2013) ¹¹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Chartier et al. (2015) ¹² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Doering et al. (2017) ¹³ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Drozdz et al. (2018) ¹⁴ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Friedman et al. (2010) ¹⁵ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Ganann et al. (2019) ¹⁶ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Hadfield et al. (2019) ¹⁷ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Jallo et al. (2015) ¹⁸ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Kerker et al. (2018) ¹⁹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Kim et al. (2009) ²⁰ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Leger et al. (2015) ²¹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Masood et al. (2015) ²² | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| McCauley et al. (2019) ²³ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| McKenzie-McHarg et al. (2014) ²⁴ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Munodawafa et al. (2017) ²⁵ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Myors et al. (2015) ²⁶ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Nakku et al. (2016) ²⁷ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Nithianandan et al. (2016) ²⁸ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Noonan et al. (2018) ²⁹ | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| O'Mahen et al. (2015) ³⁰ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ormsby et al. (2018) ³¹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Pineros-Leano et al. (2015) ³² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Pugh et al. (2015) ³³ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Reed et al. (2014) ³⁴ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Rowan et al. (2010) ³⁵ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Segre et al. (2014) ³⁶ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Shakespeare et al. (2003) ³⁷ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Shorey et al. (2019) ³⁸ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Vik et al. (2019) ³⁹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Willey et al. (2019) ⁴⁰ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Williams et al. (2016) ⁴¹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Young et al. (2019) ⁴² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

| Text and opinion | Domain 1: Author credentials | | Domain 2: Opinion development | | Domain 3: Literature support | | |
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| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | |
| Beeber et al. (2009) ⁴³ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Cox et al. (2017) ⁴⁴ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Eappen et al. (2018) ⁴⁵ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Feinberg et al. (2006) ⁴⁶ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Garcia Fernandez et al. (2011) ⁴⁷ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Judd et al. (2011) ⁴⁸ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Lind et al. (2017) ⁴⁹ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Lomonaco-Haycraft et al. (2018) ⁵⁰ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A | |
| Cross-sectional | Domain 1: Participants | | Domain 2: Methodology | | Domain 3: analysis | | |
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| Higgins et al. (2018) ⁵¹ | Yes | No | Yes | N/A | N/A | N/A | 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) = 2 yeses; 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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | 1. Design, 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 |
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| 1. Ammerman 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 perinatal 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 Peer volunteers: Age M = 33 75% married Children M = 2 Education: M = 11 years 75% in a 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 | 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. |

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| 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 | NR | 1. Community health workers and managers 2. 16 | 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 degree (31.2%) Most of African American ethnicity (50%). |
| 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 | NR | 1. Obstetrics & gynaecology resident and faculty physicians, nurses and support staff 2. 37 | Education levels ranged from postgraduate year 1 to 4. Faculty and staff participants had 1-23 and 4-27 years of clinical experience respectively. |
| 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 | Training to enhance knowledge of mental health promotion and to implement strategy. | 1. Mothers and home visitors 2. 19 | NR |
| 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 | Education about psychiatric issues, education for obstetric and paediatric providers about signs and symptoms, risk factors and treatment options. | N/A | N/A |
| 1. Doering, Maletta, Laszewski, Wichman, & Hammel, 2017 ¹³ , USA 2. 90% | 1. Qualitative 2. Home visiting/ community based | 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. Mothers of infants with depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS ^c 2. Home visitors and home visiting supervisors | Training to learn depression screening process. | 1. Home visitors, supervisors and clients 2. 25 | Majority spent less than 5 or 10+ years in home visiting. Home-visiting supervisors spent 15 years in home visiting. Majority of clients received home visiting for 5-12 or 25+ months. |
| 1. Drozd, Haga, Lisoy, & Slinning, 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 | 1. Healthcare professionals 2. 24 | Either completed bachelor's degree and education in public health or psychiatric nursing, a master's degree in midwifery, or a |

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| 1. Eappen et al., 2018 ⁴⁵ , 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. | 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. Feinberg et al., 2006 ⁴⁶ , 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 1. Mothers attending well-child visits from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds (Hispanic, Caribbean, Cambodian and Vietnamese) 2. Paediatric providers 1. Mothers and mothers-to-be diagnosed with mental illnesses 2. Music therapist | Four days training by <i>Socios En Salud</i> in maternal-child health, providing accompaniment to mothers invited to participate. NR | N/A N/A |
| 1. Friedman, Kaplan, Rosenthal, & Console, 2010 ⁴⁵ , USA 2. 80% | 1. Descriptive 2. Community health centre, Ohio | The Lullaby 101 Program – hour long weekly lullaby group | 2. Paediatric providers 1. Mothers and mothers-to-be diagnosed with mental illnesses 2. Music therapist | NR | N/A |
| 1. Fernandez Y Garcia et al. 2011 ⁴⁷ , 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 | NR | N/A |
| 1. Ganann et al., 2019 ⁴⁶ , 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 | NR | Job roles included nurses, social workers, perinatal psychiatrists, community health workers, and administrators. Some were immigrant women themselves. |
| 1. Hadfield, Glendenning, Bee, & Witkowski, 2019 ¹⁷ , 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 | NR | Average age was 32, most married, had 1 or 2 children, all White British ethnicity. Either completed therapy in the last 6 months or 2 years. All had received therapy focusing on postnatal depression. Either received CBT based therapy or Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing. |
| 1. Higgins et al., 2018 ³¹ , 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 | Perinatal mental health training. 1. Midwives and nurses 2. 809 | 54.1% midwives and 45.9% nurses. Majority female – 99.8%. |

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| 2. Primary care settings (GPs, maternity care) | | Aged 50 years and over – 34%. Most had a postgraduate diploma/master/PhD as their highest academic qualification – 45.5%. 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. Pregnant women 2. 27 | |
| 1. Judd, Stafford, Gibson, & Ahrens, 2011 ⁴⁸ , 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. | 1. Women with a broad range of perinatal distress, disorder and postnatal depression 2. Psychiatric nurses | Specialist training in perinatal mental health, family therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy, and grief counselling. | 1. Stakeholders 2. 14 | N/A |
| 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 ⁹ . Women came from different ethnic backgrounds (Hispanic; Black; White; Asian; Other) 2. Prenatal educators – volunteer students, professional and peer-partners. | 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 ⁶ 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 ⁶ 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. | 1. Pregnant women at risk for perinatal depression 2. Physicians and private practice groups | 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. |

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| 1. Leger, Letourneau, & Weaver, 2015 ²¹ , Canada 2. 80% | 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. | 1. New mothers with postnatal depression 2. Peer mentor volunteers | NR | 1. Peer mentors 2. 6 | NR |
| 1. Lind, Richter, Craft, & Shapiro, 2017 ⁴⁹ , USA 2. 100% | 1. Descriptive 2. Large multispecialty healthcare organisation with multiple community-based clinics in the Midwestern US | Postnatal depression screening programme using EPDS ⁵ 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. 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 | 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. 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 | N/A | N/A |
| 1. Masood et al., 2015 ⁵² , 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, Ofori, & van den, 2019 ⁵³ , 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. 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. 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. Perinatal and postnatal women with psychological distress or vulnerability 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 | |

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| 1. Munodawafa, Lund, & Schneider, 2017 ²⁵ , 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 | Education levels ranged from grade 9 to grade 12 and had at least 2.5 years of previous experience in the community doing health promotion. Mean age of 37.2 years. |
| 1. Myers, Johnson, Cleary, & Schmidt, 2015 ²⁶ , 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 | Clinicians' job roles included nurses, social workers and psychologists and had been working between 2-8 years. Managers and stakeholders had been involved in the PIMH service for 2-12 years. Mean age of women was 28 years. Majority (77.5%) were born in an English-speaking country and were partnered (73.4%). 57.3% had more than 1 child, 47.5% had experienced a pregnancy or infant loss. Majority (84.8%) were referred via the midwives in antenatal clinic. |
| 1. Nakku et al., 2016 ²⁷ , 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-mental 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 | NR | 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. |

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| <p>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.</p> <p>Perinatal mental health screening – Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale³</p> | <p>1. Nithianandan et al., 2016²⁸, Australia 2. 90%</p> | <p>1. Qualitative 2. Monash Health, south-east Melbourne</p> | <p>1. Perinatal women of refugee background 2. Health professionals</p> | NR | <p>1. Health professionals and women from refugee background 2. 37</p> <p>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.</p> |
| | <p>1. Noonan, Doody, O'Regan, Jomeen, & Galvin, 2018²⁹, Ireland 2. 70%</p> | <p>1. Qualitative 2. GP Practice</p> | <p>1. Women with perinatal mental health problems. 2. General practitioners</p> | NR | <p>1. General practitioners 2. 10</p> |
| | <p>1. O'Mahen et al., 2015³⁴, UK 2. 100%</p> | <p>1. Qualitative 2. Online based, UK wide</p> | <p>1. Women with postnatal depressive symptoms as measured by EPDS^c 2. Online</p> | N/A | <p>1. Women from the Netmums trial 2. 17</p> <p>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.</p> |
| | <p>1. Ormsby, Dahlen, Ee, Keedle, & Smith, 2018³¹, Australia 2. 90%</p> | <p>1. Qualitative 2. Hospitals in Western Sydney, Australia</p> | <p>1. Perinatal women with antenatal depression 2. Midwives and doctors providing referrals.</p> | NR | <p>1. Midwives, doctors and maternity service managers</p> <p>Majority of participants were female. Two professionals had spent less than 5 years in their area of</p> |

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| 1. Pineros-Leano, Tabb, Sears, Meline, & Huang, 2015 ³² , USA 2. 100% | 1. Qualitative 2. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – Public health clinic | medical treatment as a supplementary therapeutic option for antenatal depression. | NR | 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. Pugh, Hadjivastavropoulos, Hampton, Bowen, & Williams, 2015 ³³ , Canada 2. 100% | 1. Qualitative 2. Online based | 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 | 1. Staff members from the Maternal Child Health division of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District 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. | 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. | 1. Perinatal women with symptoms of birth trauma 2. Midwives | 1. Postnatal women with depression who received TAICBT 2. 24 | 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. | NHS Perinatal mental health services offered by two different NHS trusts | 1. Women with mental health needs 2. Range of health professionals | 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. |
| 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 | 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. |

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| 1. Shorey & Ng, 2019 ⁸ , Singapore 2. 80% | 1. Qualitative 2. Tertiary hospital in Singapore | 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. | 1. Mothers at risk of postnatal depression 2. Peer volunteers | basic training and subsequent mentoring. Training session by a psychiatrist | 1. Mothers and peer volunteers 2. 39 | Mothers – 25-40 years of age 50% were Chinese; 45% Malay; 5% Indian 95% married 80% university undergraduates 50% monthly household income of over 5000 S\$ Peer volunteers – 25-54 years 90% were Chinese; 90% married* 68% university graduates; 47% monthly household income of over 5000S\$ |
| 1. Vik, Aass, Willumsen, & Hafting, 2009 ³⁹ , Norway 2. 80% | 1. Qualitative 2. Norwegian health centres | EPDS ^c screening by health visitors | 1. Mothers with postnatal depression 2. Health visitors | NR | 1. Health visitors and one midwife 2. 7 | 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. |
| 1. Willey et al., 2019 ⁴⁰ , Australia 2. 80% | 1. Mixed methods 2. Refugee antenatal clinic in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Australia | 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. Women were asked the Whooley ^f questions by midwives during their booking appointment. | 1. Pregnant women of refugee background 2. Midwives | NR | 1. Health professionals 2. 31 | 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. |
| 1. Williams, Turner, Burns, Evans, & Bennert, 2016 ⁴¹ , UK 2. 80% | 1. Qualitative 2. NHS Maternity care, antenatal booking appointment | 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 | 1. Pregnant women 2. Midwives | NR | 1. Midwives and women 2. 35 | Most women were aged 30-39 years. Majority of White-British ethnicity. Majority had previous experience of depression. 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 |
| 1. Young et al., 2019 ⁵⁵ , San Francisco, USA 2. 90% | 1. Qualitative 2. Paediatric primary care clinic – Kempe Clinic | | 1. Postnatal women. Most women were Hispanic (60%) 2. Psychiatrists | NR | 1. Postnatal mothers 2. 20 | |

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| 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. |
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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

| Individual level factors | | |
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| Descriptive theme | Definition | Representative quote |
| Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | | |
| 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 | | |
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| Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | Definition | Representative quote |
| 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 |

| Knowledge (n = 8) | Healthcare professional's knowledge about perinatal mental health or the care being offered. | do not have enough time to handle mental health issues." ²⁷ "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 |
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| | 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 |
| | 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 | | |
| Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | 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 | | |
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| Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | Definition | Representative quote |
| Healthcare professional's reluctance (n = 4) | Healthcare professionals having little confidence in prescribing medication or knowing which medications are safe during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Women not wanting to take medication. | "Dealing with psychotropic medications and pregnancy is out of my comfort zone." ²⁹ |
| Women's reluctance (n = 4) | | "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). |
| Design of the care | | |
| Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | Definition | Representative quote |
| Appropriateness of care (n = 6) | Care sensitively designed to fit women's needs. | "To them [new mothers], some of them, like, [said]: 'I don't even have time to go to the bathroom by myself so why would I sit down and do nasal breathing?'" ¹² |
| Choice (n = 6) | Women value being able to choose what care they receive. | 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 |
| Clarity of assessment (n = 2) | Explaining the purpose of assessment to women. | "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 |
| Delivery in a healthcare setting (n = 12) | Provision of care in a healthcare setting, such as in a hospital. | "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 |

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| 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 "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 "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 "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 [A facilitator was a]...No wrong door approach - Anyone could self-refer or be referred to the service." ⁴⁸ |
| Healthcare professional's perception (n = 19) | The way in which healthcare professionals perceived the care or treatment they were providing. | |
| Manualised therapy (n = 2) | Interventions performed according to specific guidelines. | |
| Open inclusion criteria (n = 2) | Allowing women with different mental health difficulties to access to the same service. | |

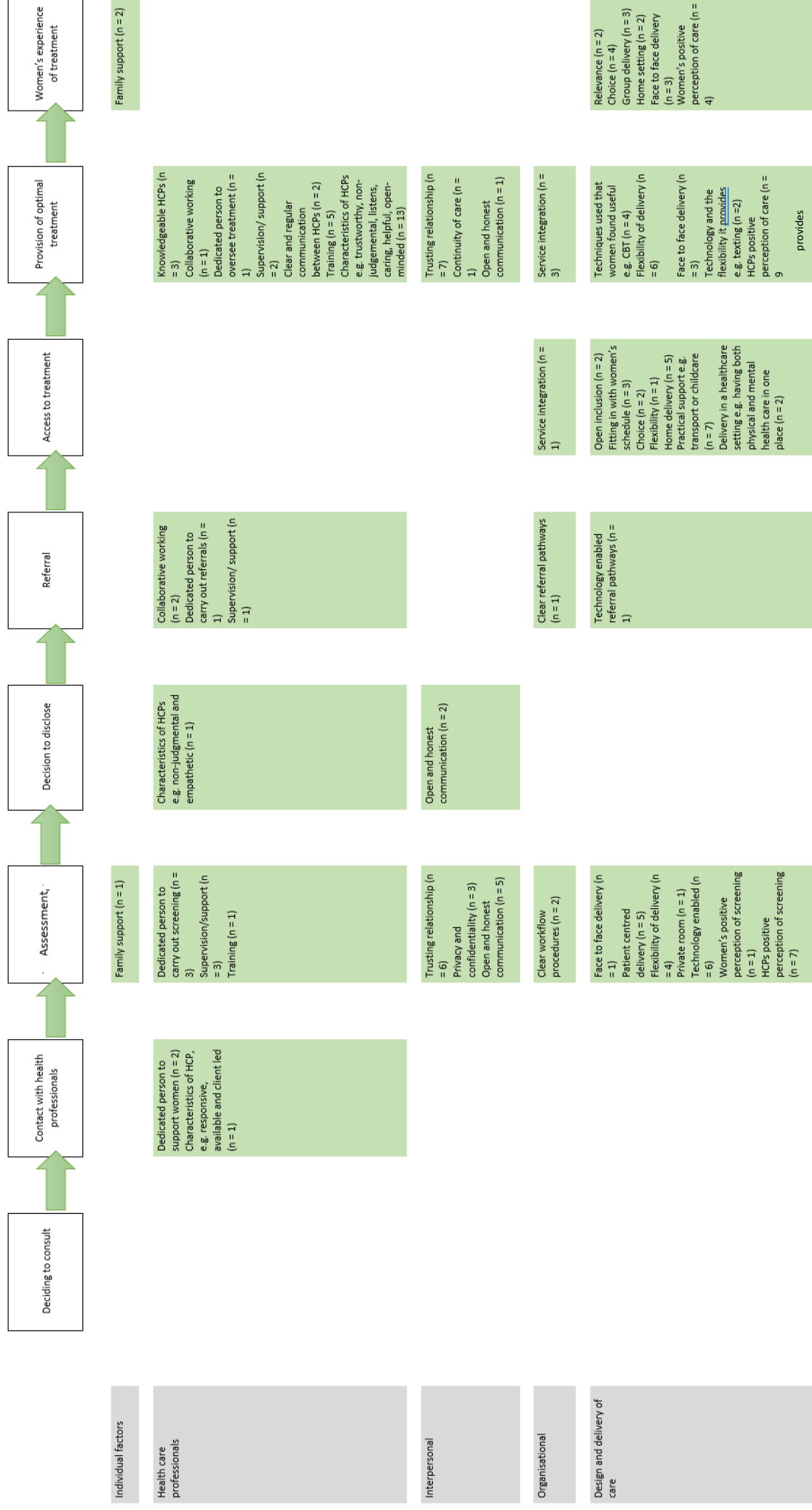
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| Patient centred (n = 5) | Being aware of patient's needs and providing care with women at the centre. | <p>"Most of the time I give it [screening questionnaire] to them ... if they have cognitive delays, I'll ask them if they want me to read it to them."¹³</p> <p>"And we were offered a crèche facility; I used to take him there; otherwise it would have been really difficult for me."²²</p> <p>"... the online course, it was tailored to my needs at the time and I think that's how it helped so much."³⁰</p> <p>"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</p> <p>"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</p> <p>"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</p> |
| Practical support (n = 10) | The provision of support that allowed women to access care, such as providing a creche or paying for travel. | "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 |
| Relevance to women (n = 2) | Whether the content of the intervention was relevant to women's needs. | "I have some moms [who] ask questions about [the EPDS], like, 'What does it mean |
| Techniques women found useful (n = 4) | Most women found personalised therapy that challenged their thoughts and beliefs (e.g. CBT approaches) useful. | |
| 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. | |
| Timing (n = 5) | The pace at which an intervention was delivered. | |
| Women's perception of the care (n = 7) | The way in which women perceived the care or treatment they were receiving. | |
| Wording of assessment tools (n = 3) | The clarity of the wording of the assessment tools. | |

| Organisational factors | | | where things are getting on top of me? What do you mean?' You know, so they, they don't always understand the questions." ¹³ |
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| Descriptive theme Number of studies with quotes mapped onto this theme (n) | Definition | Representative quote | |
| 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 | |

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| Timely follow up (n = 3) | Women being followed up by healthcare professionals or other services in short time frame. | wasn't as cold as that and it wasn't intended like that, it's just the way it happened." ²⁹ "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 |
| Political factors | | |
| 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. | Changes in the system have made things even more complex for clients dealing with anything in terms of mental health. ¹⁶ |
| Funding (n = 10) | Financial resources needed to provide perinatal mental healthcare. | 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 |
| Societal factors | | |
| 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 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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