

Quality, Relevance and Summary of Findings

Authors & Year		
Title		
Journal / Source		

Quality:

1. AIMS & PROBLEM How clear are the aims of the research?				
1 Not clear	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very clear
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the reason for the research clear? Is there a good description of the problem? • Have previous research findings and/or theories been considered? 				

2. METHODS How well does the paper set out the methods used in the study?				
1 Not well	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very well
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the methods clear? Have the authors justified their research methods? • Do you think these methods are the most suitable means of answering their research question? 				

3. RESULTS & DISCUSSION How well are the results presented?				
1 Not well	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very well
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the results linked to the question/problem? Are they linked to the broader literature? • Qualitative studies - Have key themes been described in detail? • Quantitative studies - Have results been adequately described? Do results seem reliable? 				

4. READABILITY Is the report written clearly?				
1 Not clear	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very clear
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How understandable is it? • Are the various parts linked logically and coherently? • Are key terms defined? 				

5. IMPLICATIONS Does the report draw clear links to practice, policy or further research?				
1 Not really	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very much
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the benefits of the research highlighted? • How well have the authors linked the results to everyday clinical practice/health service delivery? 				

TALLY: Quality Score: _____

Relevance:

6. CONTENT How relevant is the paper to your review question?				
1 Not relevant	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very relevant
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the stated aims and content area of the research? • How generally relevant are these to the topic of your review? • How directly relevant is this paper to your questions? 				

7. FOCUS How focused is the paper on your professional area (e.g Social Work, Child Therapy)				
1 Not really	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very much
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a clear link between the profession / discipline focus of the paper and that of your team and your question? 				

8. CONTEXT Is the context of the research comparable with your practice context?				
1 Not really	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very much
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How similar are things like client demographics, service model, resource environment, etc.? 				

9. UTILITY How useable is the information provided in the paper for your practice?				
1 Not useable	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very useable
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the research conducted and presented in such a way that it is usable for your practice. • Utility may be practical as well as theoretical (helping you develop useful ideas). 				

TALLY: Relevance Score: _____

Summary of findings /key points that relate to the review question:
