

## Appendix 1: Search strategies

Initial search				
Database	Search string, limits	Search time frame	Search date	Results (number of citations)
OVID MEDLINE	1. social prescri*.mp. 2. community referral*.mp. 3. social.ti,ab. 4. psychosocial.ti,ab. 5. referral.ti,ab. 6. primary care.ti,ab. 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 10. 9 and 2000:2020.(sa_year).	2000-2020	07.05.2020	841
OVID EMBASE	1. social prescri*.mp. 2. community referral*.mp. 3. social.ti,ab. 4. psychosocial.ti,ab. 5. referral.ti,ab. 6. primary care.ti,ab. 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 10. 9 and 2000:2020.(sa_year).	2000-2020	07.05.2020	1409
EBSCO CINAHL	(TI "social prescri*" OR AB "social prescri*") OR (TI "community referral*" OR AB "community referral*") OR (((TI psychosocial OR AB psychosocial) OR (TI social OR AB social)) AND (TI referral* OR AB referral*)) AND (TI "primary care" OR AB "primary care")	2000-2020	07.05.2020	793
EBSCO SocIndex	(TI "social prescri*" OR AB "social prescri*") OR (TI "community referral*" OR AB "community referral*") OR (((TI psychosocial OR AB psychosocial) OR (TI social OR AB social)) AND (TI referral* OR AB referral*)) AND (TI "primary care" OR AB "primary care")	2000-2020	07.05.2020	111
Social Care Online	social prescribing OR community referral	2000-2020	07.05.2020	397
Cochrane: - CDSR - CENTRAL	1. social NEXT prescri*:ti,ab,kw 2. community NEXT referral*:ti,ab,kw 3. "social":ti,ab,kw 4. "psychosocial":ti,ab,kw 5. "referral": ti,ab,kw 6. "primary care":ti,ab,kw 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 10. 9 and Publication Year from (2000 to 2020)	2000-2020	07.05.2020	12 reviews 368 trials 380 total
Google Scholar	intitle:"social prescribing"  Limits: no patents / citations, time frame 2000-2020	2000-2020	18.05.2020	196
Update search				
Database	Search string, limits	Search time frame	Search date	Results (number of citations)
OVID MEDLINE	1. social prescri*.mp. 2. community referral*.mp. 3. social.ti,ab. 4. psychosocial.ti,ab. 5. referral.ti,ab. 6. primary care.ti,ab. 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 10. 9 and 2020:2021.(sa_year).	2020-2021	01.02.2021	170
OVID EMBASE	1. social prescri*.mp. 2. community referral*.mp. 3. social.ti,ab. 4. psychosocial.ti,ab. 5. referral.ti,ab. 6. primary care.ti,ab. 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 10. 9 and 2020:2021.(sa_year).	2020-2021	01.02.2021	197
EBSCO CINAHL	(TI "social prescri*" OR AB "social prescri*") OR (TI "community referral*" OR AB "community referral*") OR (((TI psychosocial OR AB psychosocial) OR (TI social OR AB social)) AND (TI referral* OR AB referral*)) AND (TI "primary care" OR AB "primary care")	May 2020- Feb 2021	01.02.2021	72
EBSCO SocIndex	(TI "social prescri*" OR AB "social prescri*") OR (TI "community referral*" OR AB "community referral*") OR (((TI psychosocial OR AB psychosocial) OR (TI social OR AB social)) AND (TI referral* OR AB referral*)) AND (TI "primary care" OR AB "primary care")	May 2020- Feb 2021	01.02.2021	5
Social Care Online	social prescribing OR community referral	2020-2021	01.02.2021	40
Cochrane: - CDSR - CENTRAL	1. social NEXT prescri*:ti,ab,kw 2. community NEXT referral*:ti,ab,kw 3. "social":ti,ab,kw 4. "psychosocial":ti,ab,kw 5. "referral": ti,ab,kw 6. "primary care":ti,ab,kw 7. 3 or 4 8. 5 and 6 and 7 9. 1 or 2 or 8 with Cochrane Library publication date from May 2020 to Feb 2021, in Cochrane Reviews and Trials	May 2020- Feb 2021	01.02.2021	30 trials
Google Scholar	intitle:"social prescribing"  Limits: no patents / citations, time frame 2020-2021	2020-2021	01.02.2021	68