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Professional interventions from social work in situations of domestic violence: A comprehensive scoping review

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective What are the characteristics, components, and outcomes of professional social work interventions implemented in the context of domestic violence?

Condition being studied Social Work interventions in situations of domestic violence.

METHODS

Search strategy Preliminary searches were carried out in databases covering areas such as social sciences, social work, psychology, public health, and multidisciplinary fields. Additionally to the database searches, supplementary searches were conducted by reviewing reference lists of previously published studies, performing manual searches in relevant journals.
Search strategies were designed according to the specific characteristics of each database. A flexible adaptation of the "PICOS" framework proposed by the Cochrane Library was employed to guide the search, employing the following terms: social work; domestic violence intervention; outcomes.

Participant or population Social work and populations at risk of victimization.

Intervention Interventions carries out by social workers.

Comparator Not applicable.

Study designs to be included Quantitative, Qualitative and mixed.

Eligibility criteria Inclusion criteria
Target population: Studies that address professional interventions carried out by social workers in context of domestic violence.
Investigated condition: Investigations designed, implemented or evaluated specificlly by social workers / Interventions that include preventive approaches, direct intervention, support or referral to specialized services.

Measures and outcomes: Characteristics, components or results. Results in terms of impact, satisfaction, efficacy or effectiveness.
Exclusion criteria
Other professionals (without social workers).
Interventions that do not specifically address domestic violence
Studies that do not evaluate characteristics, components or results
Secondary research, commentaries, editorials, letters to the editor or single case reports.
Studies that do not provide empirical data or clear desciptions of social work interventions.

Information sources Web of Science (WOS, including all its databases and collections), Scopus, Social Work Abstracts (EBSCO), Social Services Abstracts (ProQuest), Sociological Abstracts (ProQuest), APA PsycINFO (ProQuest), PubMed Medline, and the Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL). Supplementary searches were conducted utilising Google Scholar and accessing resources via ResearchGate.

Main outcome(s) Not applicable.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Quality evaluated through mixed methods appraisals tool (MMAT).

Strategy of data synthesis Development of a thematic synthesis process.

Subgroup analysis By populations groups/ by country income level.

Sensitivity analysis Not applicable.

Language restriction There are no limitations regarding language, but searches are done in English.

Country(ies) involved Spain, University of Jaén.

Keywords Social work, intevention, domestic violence.

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