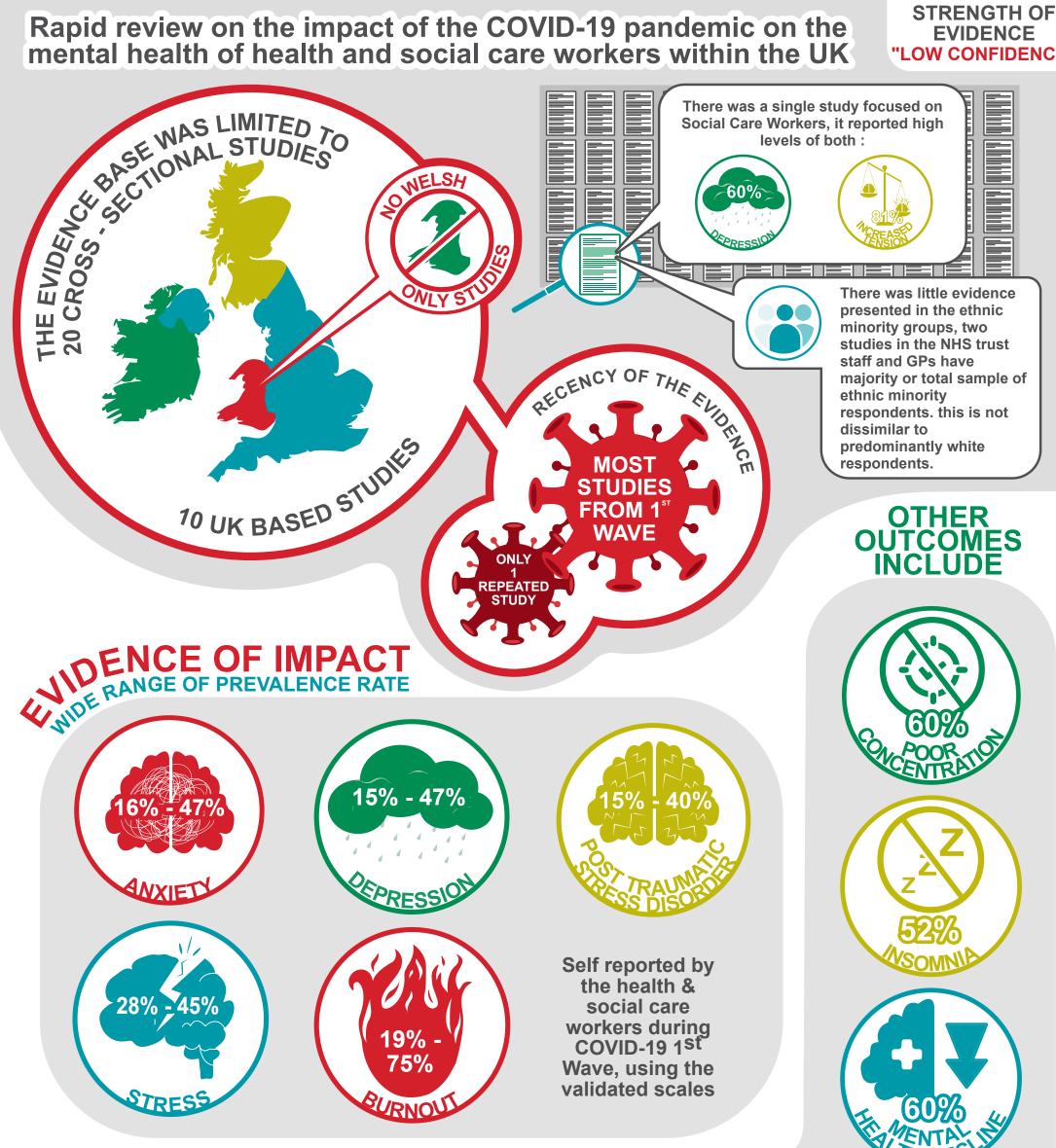
Rapid review on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of health and social care workers within the UK

STRENGTH OF **EVIDENCE** "LOW CONFIDENCE"



Policy Implications

Evidence from 20 cross-section UK studies suggested the 1st wave of Covid had a substantial adverse impact on mental health at the time.

• While the proportion may be overestimated by the studies design, research is significant enough to warrant availability of mental health support being available to staff

• Female staff members with preexisting/ prior mental health

disorders & having to worry about Covid transmission/PPE are identified as the most at risk for support

• The evidence quality is low (crosssectional studies) and further research is needed to understand the longer term mental health impact & the severity of risk factors and for those impacts

