

Developing a Glossary of Terms for Social Prescribing

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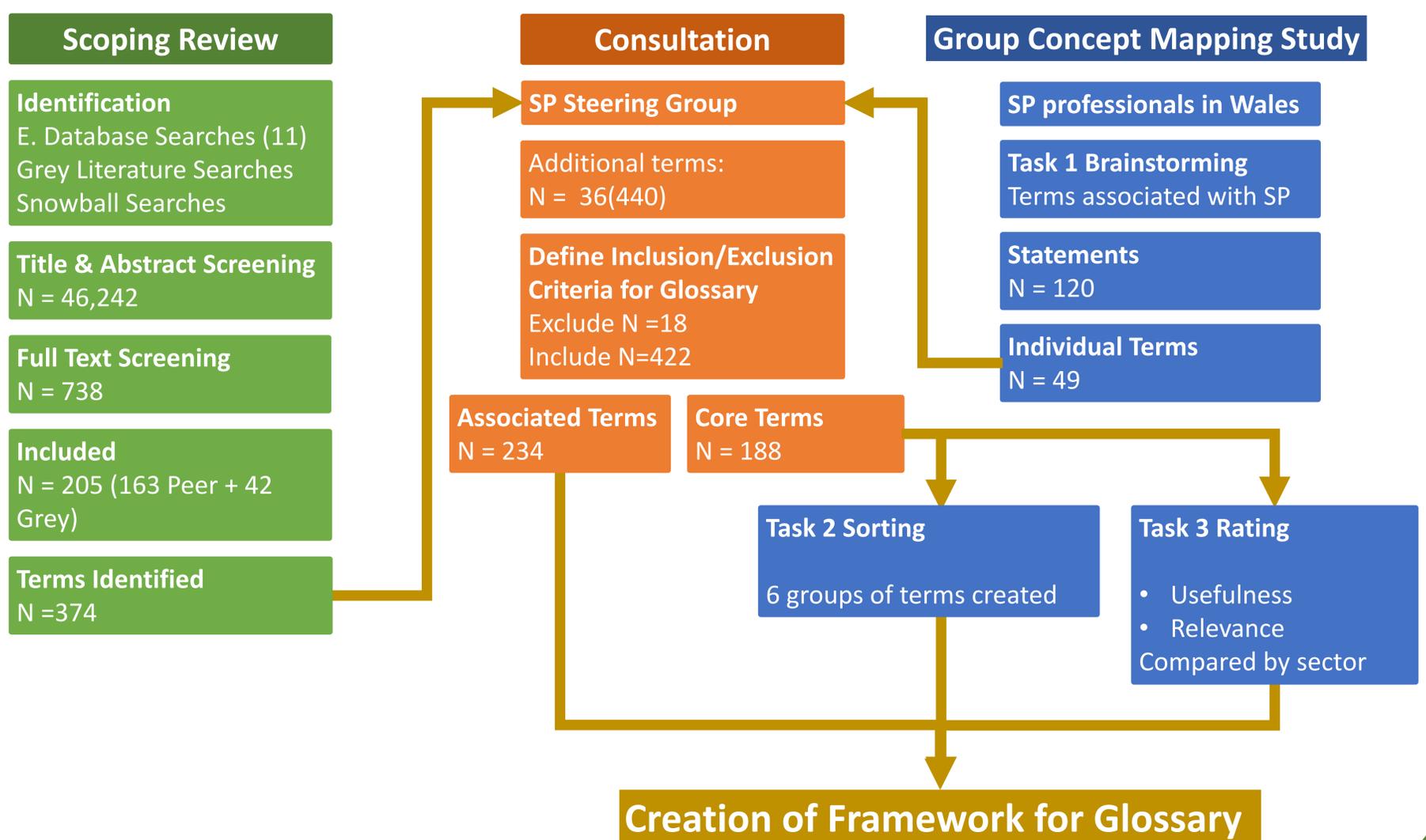
Introduction

- Social prescribing can positively impact on health care resources, general practice sustainability and individual well-being by connecting individuals to community support that allows them to address concerns such as isolation, weight, health or financial worries.
- Despite being imbedded in government policy, the terminology associated with social prescribing is diverse and differs between regions and services within Wales creating problems with cross-sector communication and confusion for professionals and the public alike.
- There is a need for a reference tool to provide a unification of the language associated with social prescribing.

Aim

To identify and categorise the terminology associated with social prescribing for the production of an evidence based glossary of terms.

Method & Results



Findings

- The social prescribing terminology used in peer reviewed and grey literature is quite different.
- Multiple terms are used to describe 'link worker' type roles, the act of social prescribing, and forms of environmental and art based social prescribing interventions.
- Different sectors have a preference for different terminology.
- The term social prescribing can be problematic to understanding and engagement.