Summary of Literature reviews results

Engine: PubMed Key word search: Delphi on social prescribing Results: 50 PubMed Filters applied: Free full text, in the last 1 year Results: 6 Coherence with the topic Results: 3

Reference	Goal	Use of Delphi	Results	Key concepts/info	RECOMMENDED PANEL SIZE
Esfandiari E, Chudyk AM, Grover S, Lau EY,	To co-create with knowledge users a core	To use a modified Delphi method to co-	 Protocol provision 	- Check Conducting and REporting DElphi	
Hoppmann C, Mortenson WB, Mulligan K,	outcome set focused on middle-aged and	create core outcomes for social prescribing.	- No datasets were	Studies (CREDES) guideline to design	
Newton C, Pauly T, Pitman B, Rush KL,	older adults (40 years+) for use in social	Development of a core outcome set	generated or	this study.	
Sakakibara BM, Symes B, Tsuei S, Petrella RJ,	prescribing research.	contributes to improved knowledge	analyzed during the	- The research team includes people who	
Ashe MC. Social Prescribing Outcomes for Trials		synthesis via consistency in measures and	current study.	receive social prescribing (or their	
(SPOT): Protocol for a modified Delphi study on	The three-part process includes: (1)	terminology. We aim to develop guidance	-	caregivers), trainees, health and social	
core outcomes. PLoS One. 2023 May	identifying published systematic reviews	for future research, and specifically on the		providers, community-based	
16;18(5):e0285182. doi:	on social prescribing for adults to extract	use of core outcomes for social prescribing			
10.1371/journal.pone.0285182. PMID:	reported outcomes; and (2) up to three	at the person/patient, provider, program,		organizations, and researchers.	
37192189; PMCID: PMC10187912.	rounds of online surveys to rate the	and societal-level.			
	importance of outcomes for social				
	prescribing. For this part, we will invite	The Core Outcome Measures in			
	people (n = 240) who represent the	Effectiveness Trials (COMET) is a research			
	population experienced in social	initiative to guide the identification and			
	prescribing, including researchers,	selection of measures defined as "an			
	members of social prescribing	agreed standardized collection of outcomes			
	organizations, and people who receive	which should be measured and reported			
	social prescribing and their caregivers.	in all trials for a specific clinical area".			
	Finally, we will (3) convene a virtual team				
	meeting to discuss and rank the findings	Researchers will use a three-part modified			Group size theory varies, but some
	and finalize the core outcome set and our	Delphi method to identify social prescribing			general rules-of-thumb indicate 15-30
	knowledge mobilization plan.	core outcomes for middle-aged and older			people for a homogeneous population-
	5	adults (40 years and older) at the person,			that is, experts coming from the same
	Focus: to identify important and	provider, program, and societal-levels.			discipline (e.g. nuclear physicists)-and
	relevant outcome measures for social				5-10 people for a heterogeneous
	prescribing				population, people with expertise on a
Muhl C, Mulligan K, Bayoumi I, Ashcroft R,		This study involved an international,	After three rounds,	- Check Welphi (www.welphi.com), which	particular topic but coming from different
Godfrey C. Establishing internationally accepted	The aim of this study was to establish	multidisciplinary panel of experts. The	internationally accepted	is an online survey platform that is	social/professional stratifications such
conceptual and operational definitions of social	internationally accepted conceptual and	expert panel (n=48) represented 26	conceptual and	specifically designed for Delphi studies.	as teachers, university academics and
prescribing through expert consensus: a Delphi	operational definitions of social	countries across five continents, numerous	operational definitions of	- Check	school principals (Delbecq et al., 1975;
study. BMJ Open. 2023 Jul 14;13(7):e070184.	prescribing.	expert groups and a variety of years of	social prescribing were	https://www.gcamap.org/ui/en/projects	Uhl, 1983; Moore, 1987).
doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2022-070184. PMID:		experience with social prescribing, with the	established. The		
37451718; PMCID: PMC10351285.		average being 5 years (range=1-20 years).	definitions were		
			transformed into the		
(study)		Experts were defined according to the	Common Understanding		
		following criteria: (1) person involved with	of Social Prescribing		
		the Social Prescribing Network; or (2)	(CUSP) conceptual		
		person involved with the Social Prescribing	framework		
		Youth Network; or (3) person involved with			
		the Global Social Prescribing Alliance; or (4)			
		person involved with the National Academy			
		for Social Prescribing; or (5) person involved			
		with the Canadian Institute for Social	1		
		Prescribing; or (6) student involved with any	1		
		national social prescribing student group; or			
		(7) author of academic or grey literature on			
		social prescribing, even if not labelled as			
		'social prescribing'; or (8) researcher			
		involved in social prescribing, even if not			
		labelled as 'social prescribing'; or (9)	1		
		healthcare provider involved in social			
		prescribing, even if not labelled as 'social	1		
		prescribing'; or (10) link worker involved in			

	social prescribing, even if not labelled as 'link worker' or 'social prescribing'; or (11) patient involved in social prescribing, even if not labelled as 'social prescribing'; or (12) healthcare administrator or manager tasked with overseeing the use of social prescribing, even if not labelled as 'social prescribing'.		
Muhl C, Mulligan K, Bayoumi I, Ashcroft R, Godfrey C. Establishing Internationally Accepted Conceptual and Operational Definitions of Social Prescribing Through Expert Consensus: A Delphi Study Protocol. Int J Integr Care. 2023 Jan 25;23(1):3. doi: 10.5334/ijic.6984. PMID: 36741971; PMCID: PMC9881447. (Protocol)	 	 Protocol provision for the above study 	

Table S1. PubMed review

Engine: Health Evidence (McMasters) *Key word search: Delphi social prescribing* Results: 7 *Filters applied: most recent year (2020)* Results: 2 *Filter applied: free full access* Results: 1

Reference	Goal	Use of Delphi	Results	Key	RECOMMENDED PANEL SIZE
		-		concepts/info	
Mutisya, M, Markey, O, Rousham, EK, et al. Improving nutritional status among urban poor children in sub-Saharan Africa: An evidence-informed Delphi-based consultation. Matern Child Nutr. 2021; 17:e13099. https://doi.org/10.1111/mcn.13099 <i>Quality rating: Moderate (7/10)</i>	First, a rapid systematic review was conducted. This focused on the literature published regarding nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive complementary feeding interventions in urban poor areas, specifically low-income informal settlements, in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Six intervention studies met the review inclusion criteria. Intervention adherence was generally high, and indicators of maternal knowledge and IYC nutritional intake typically increased because of the interventions, but the impact on anthropometric status was small. Second, stakeholders working across SSA were engaged via <u>a Delphi-based approach</u> to identify priority areas for future intervention. Stakeholders reported that a situational analysis was required to better understand IYCF in urban poor areas, particularly the causes of IYC undernutrition, and highlighted the need to involve local communities in defining how future work should proceed. Together, these findings indicate a need for more evidence regarding IYCF and the factors that drive it in urban poor areas across LMIC settings, but particularly in SSA.	Researchers adopted a consensus- gathering approach based on the Delphi method (lqbal & Pipon-Young, 2009) and consulted a range of stakeholders ('panellists') who contributed to three phases of information generation and consensus gathering. Consultation methods included two face-to-face stakeholder workshops (in Nairobi, Kenya, and Lilongwe, Malawi) and a survey that was distributed either online, as a paper-based survey or via individual telephone interviews with stakeholders. Evidence gaps were shared with a range of stakeholders from Kenya and Malawi at a face-to-face meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in June 2018 (n = 18). Stakeholders were identified by co- investigators in each country based on a list of target sectors (e.g., Ministry of Health, NGOs including practitioners and implementers, policymakers, academics, county government health officials, research institutions, professional networks [e.g., the African Nutrition Society and UNICEF]) to ensure a breadth of views would be represented.	Consensus was reached on 47 (82.4%) of the 57 Round 2 items. For the 10 questions where consensus was not achieved, these items were initially reviewed and discussed by the authors. Based on this review and following consultation with stakeholders as part of Round 3, it was agreed that these items might never achieve consensus given the divergence of views across the different sectors, disciplines, occupations and geographical locations of participants.		Group size theory varies, but some general rules-of-thumb indicate 15-30 people for a homogeneous population—that is, experts coming from the same discipline (e.g. nuclear physicists)—and 5-10 people for a heterogeneous population, people with expertise on a particular topic but coming from different social/professional stratifications such as teachers, university academics and school principals (Delbecq et al., 1975; Uhl, 1983; Moore, 1987).

Table s2. Health Evidence review