Next steps: Grey literature

- Identifying grey literature
- Additional search methods to identify papers that might have been missed by the structured search

Searching for grey literature

Research not published commercially

- Conference abstracts
- Theses
- Study protocols
- Preprints
- Official documents & organisational reports

Additional search methods - snowballing

- Forward & backward citation tracking
- Related articles linking
- Hand-searching conference reports & journals
- Searching trial registers
- Searching preprint archives
- Web searching
- Contacting authors, experts & organisations

Snowballing on Google Scholar

Registering your protocol

- Once your search methods are finalised, finish & register your protocol

  - PROSPERO
  - Publish in a journal which accepts protocols
  - Preprint archives

Additional notes

- Managing your references – software choice
  - Reference management e.g. Endnote or Mendeley
  - Review management e.g. Covidence or Rayyan
- Note taking and reporting your search
  - PRISMA-S

The End