

A standardised approach to producing evidence of the effectiveness of interventions

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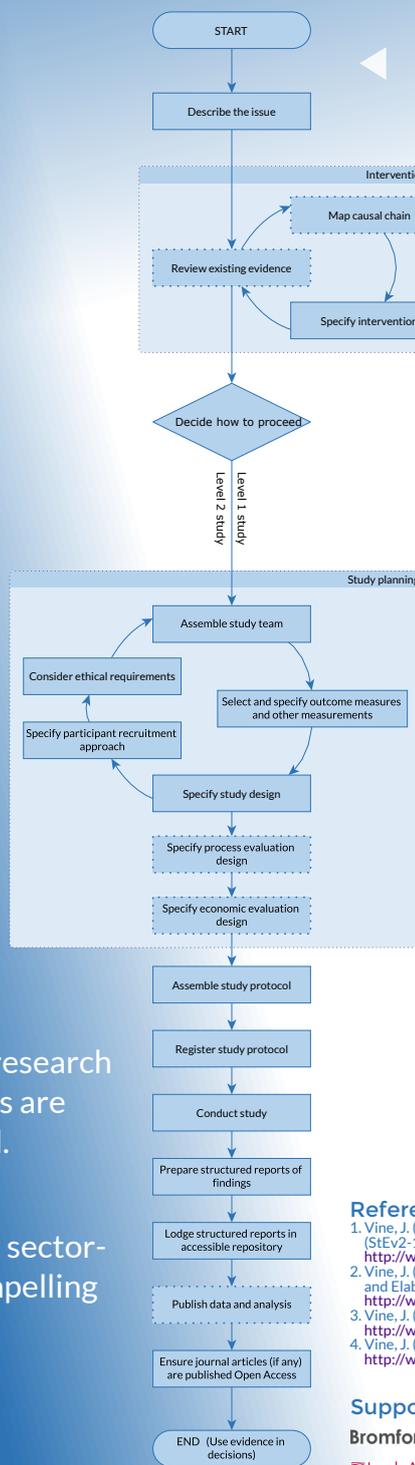
Several common research practices contribute to systematic inaccuracies in the published record of intervention effectiveness.

Substantial effort has been devoted to developing approaches to avoid these problems. The fruits of these efforts are not always evenly distributed or easily available.

This project aims to make better practices accessible to researchers irrespective of their sector or discipline.

Methods

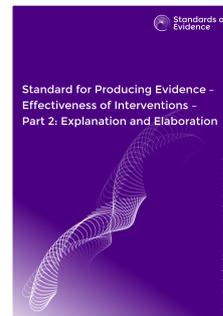
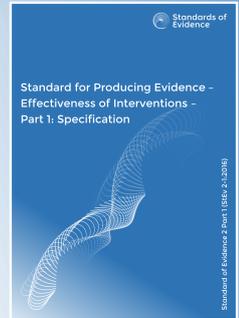
- Investigated problems in establishing accurate records of intervention effectiveness, and solutions developed to those problems across disciplines.
- Researchers and evidence users contributed expertise to the development of a consistent, repeatable approach.
- Formalised using conventions that organisations like BSI and ISO use to create unambiguous process specifications.



Key outputs

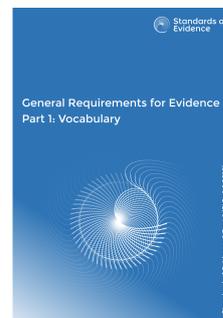
◀ A standardised process that can be followed.

Freely available specification with full details of how to follow the approach.¹



Explanation and Elaboration doc, providing rationale behind steps.²

Summary guidance giving overview of approach.³



Vocabulary providing consistent terminology for key concepts.⁴

Conclusions

Standardised approach facilitates research design by ensuring critical decisions are consciously made and documented.

Social prescribing researchers can combine this approach with crucial sector-specific knowledge to produce compelling evidence of 'what works'.

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