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The Difference is Research

Background

Supported accommodation is ideally placed to address the **multiple and reinforcing challenges** facing **people released from prison**.

Improving the evidence base through methodologically rigorous research that examines **health and wellbeing** outcomes, as well as **recidivism**, is needed.

Aims

1. Identify literature describing supported accommodation services for people leaving prison;
2. Critique the methodological quality of the evaluations; and
3. Describe the characteristics of programs and their effectiveness.

Methods

Medline, Embase, PsycINFO and Scopus were searched to identify articles describing or evaluating supported accommodation for people released from prison in June 2020.

We will also conduct a hand search of reports and websites of agencies providing supported accommodation to people leaving prison.

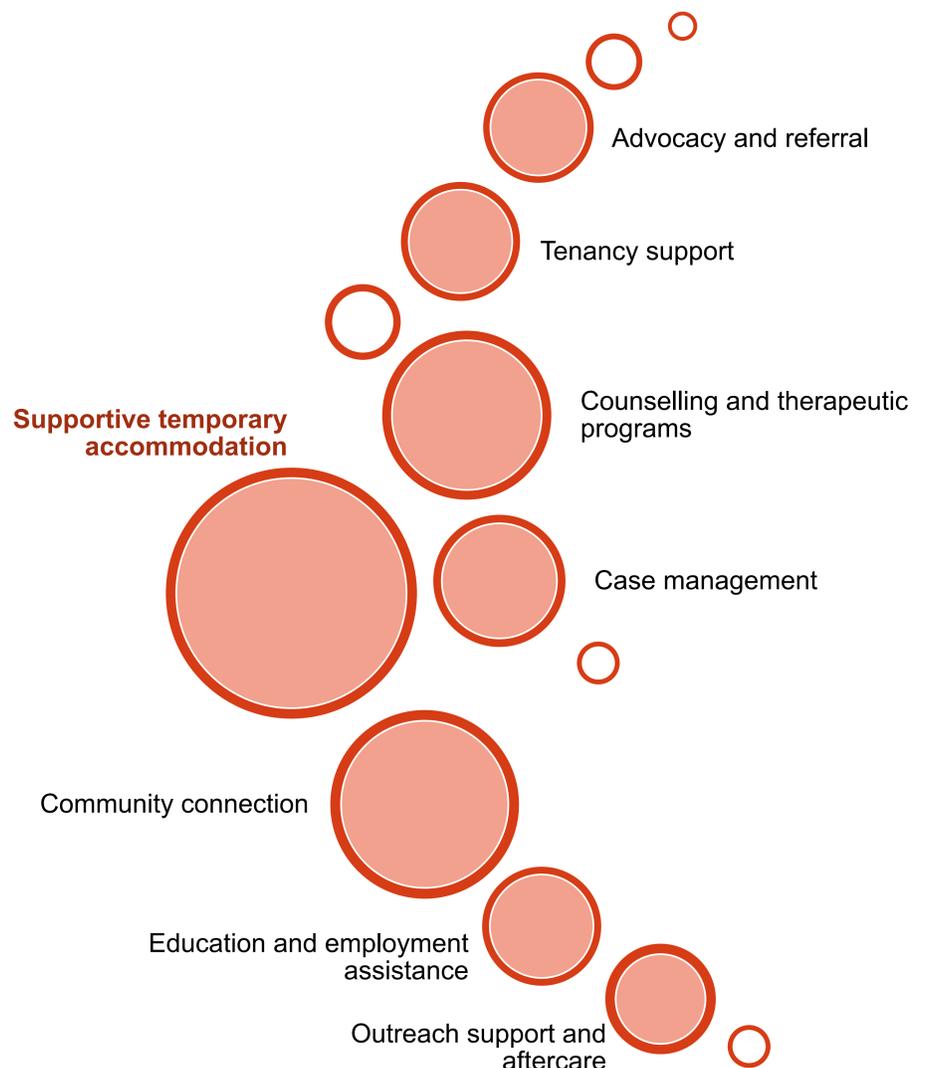
This review is ongoing, with full-text screening underway. The combined search resulted in a total of 3128 unique studies of which 106 full-text records are currently being screened.

Initial findings

Studies tend to lack detailed descriptions of program components and theoretical frameworks underlying them, and rigorous evaluations of supported accommodation are lacking.

Predominantly **UK and US** based literature.

What is Supported Accommodation?



Initial implications

Increased publication of evaluation studies of supported accommodation services for people released from prison is needed to allow service providers and policy makers to form **evidence-based decisions** to develop and **evaluate programs and their effectiveness**.

Next steps

Complete review and identify **core characteristics** of supported accommodation.

Conduct **interviews** with service users and **workshops** with supported accommodation service providers, funders, and other stakeholders to develop program framework incorporating existing evidence and expertise of lived experience and service provision.

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