Supplementary File - Stages in the review process.

Although the steps of the process are shown below as individual stages, this is to aid clarity about the overall review process. In practice activities from the three columns are likely to overlap and occur simultaneously.

Identifying data for inclusion	Data extraction	Data synthesis
Initial searches run		
Title screening for relevance		
Abstracts ranked for relevance 1-4		
All 1		
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	Author identifies and labels important pieces of explanatory	
	data	
	Author uses the data to formulate initial explanatory	
	accounts which relate to the research questions in an "If-	
	Then" configuration	
	details of the source data	
Abstracts of relevance 2 papers to read and		
	Initial searches run  Title screening for relevance  Abstracts ranked for relevance 1-4  All relevance 1 papers prioritised for full text screening  Abstracts of relevance 2 papers re-read and researcher judgement used to select those likely to be useful based on understanding gained from data extraction to date	Initial searches run  Title screening for relevance  Abstracts ranked for relevance 1-4  All relevance 1 papers prioritised for full text screening  Author reads full text article and assesses relevance  Basic study details recorded  Author identifies and labels important pieces of explanatory data  Author uses the data to formulate initial explanatory accounts which relate to the research questions in an "If-Then" configuration  "If-Then" configurations exported to Excel along with details of the source data  Abstracts of relevance 2 papers re-read and researcher judgement used to select those likely to be useful based on understanding

	Citation tracking from included papers and		
-	existing systematic reviews known to authors		
		Full text papers accessed and relevant extracts used to	
		generate explanatory account as above	Author bosins to suggest to set bourses with the
			Author begins to group together accounts that appear related
			Crouned assessments read and used to formulate a
			Grouped accounts read and used to formulate a refined account in the format of CMO configuration
		Original source data that contributed data to each new working CMO imported into NVivo	
_		Original data extracts that were used to formulate the	
		explanatory accounts are coded in NVivo under working CMO headings	
		Civio ricadings	Data extracts read alongside working CMOs to
			check these are true to the original data and refined as needed.
		PROTOCOL PAPER PREPARED	
			Working CMOs used to inform realist interviews with key informants
			Working CMOs presented to stakeholder group
			Priority areas for further searching identified
	Review remaining abstracts ranked 2 and 3 to		
	check if any likely to address new priority areas		
	Run additional targeted searches to identify further primary data		
_	Continue citation tracking and table of contents searches		
	, contents searches		
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		New relevant data imported directly to NVivo and coded under related CMO.	
			CMOs further refined through discussion of the study authors
			CMOs considered alongside existing known middle range theories
	Priority areas for further searching identified - Searching for alternative middle range theories - Searching for primary data to fill possible 'gaps' indicated by the middle range		
H	theories	New relevant data imported directly to NVivo and coded under related CMO	
			CMOs further refined in discussion between study team
			Refined CMOs presented to stakeholder group for further discussion and confirmation