Figs 2–6. Flowcharts for selection of studies

Fig. 2: Selection of studies for issue 1

Records identified through PubMed (1987)  
Additional records identified through Scopus (92)

Records after duplicates removed (2079)

Records screened (2079)  
Records excluded (1961)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (118)  
Full-text articles excluded, with reasons:  
study population not appropriate (28)  
object of the study not appropriate (53)  
editorials/commentaries (26)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (11)
Fig. 3. Selection of studies for issue 2

Records identified through PubMed (2270)

Records identified through Scopus (1266)

Records after duplicates removed (3414)

Records screened (3414)

Records excluded (3193)

Records included through hand searching of references (4)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (225)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (35)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons: study population not appropriate (163) object of the study not appropriate (27)
Records identified through PubMed (1484)

Additional records identified through Scopus (562)

Additional records identified through other sources (HEN + Eur Obs) (139)

Records after duplicates removed (2113)

Records screened (2113)

Records excluded (2038)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (75)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (36)

Records included through hand searching of references (6)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons:
study population not appropriate (23)
object of the study not appropriate (22)

HEN: Health Evidence Network; Eur Obs: European Observatory.
Fig. 5. Selection of studies for issue 4

Records identified through PubMed (3568)

Additional records identified through Scopus (810)

Additional records identified through other sources (Cochrane + OECD)

Records after duplicates removed (6433)

Records screened (6433)

Records excluded (6377)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (56)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons: study population not appropriate (10) object of the study not appropriate (11)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (36)

Records included through hand searching of references (1)

OECD: Organisation for Co-operation and Development.
Records identified through PubMed (873)

Additional records identified through Scopus (2357)

Records after duplicates removed (611)

Records screened (611) → Records excluded (516)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (95) →

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (26)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons:
- study population not appropriate (18)
- study country not WHO European Region (5)
- object of the study not applicable (42)
- editorials/commentaries (4)