

Appendix 1 - Search terms and results

	Key search terms	Databases searched and number of results returned		
	[in abstract]	ASSIA	Google Scholar	Scopus
KS1	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care' AND 'Early years'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=39) Title search (n=7) Abstract review (n=3) Full text review (n=2) Papers for review (n=1)	Initial search (n=103) Title search (n=18) Abstract review (n=9) Full text review (n=5) Papers for review (n=4)
KS2	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care' AND 'preschool'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0)	Initial search (n=52) Title search (n=1) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=100) Title search (n=15) Abstract review (n=5) Full text review (n=5) Papers for review (n=4)

		Papers for review (n=0 Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)		
KS3	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care' AND 'kindergarten'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=3) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=46) Title search (n=12) Abstract review (n=1) Full text review (n=1) Papers for review (n=1)
KS4	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care'	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=2)	Initial search (n=59)

	AND 'nursery'	Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Title search (n=1) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Title search (n=8) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)
KS5	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care' AND 'day care'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=2) Title search (n=1) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=56) Title search (n=7) Abstract review (n=1) Full text review (n=1) Papers for review (n=1)
KS6	'Transition*' AND 'ethics of care' AND 'playgroup'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0)	Initial search (n=1) Title search (n=0)	Initial search (n=4) Title search (n=0)

		Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)
		Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)
		Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)
KS7	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'Early years'	Initial search (n=2)	Initial search (n=5)	Initial search (n=163)
		Title search (n=1)	Title search (n=5)	Title search (n=18)
		Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=15)
		Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=12)
		Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=7)
KS8	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'preschool'	Initial search (n=13)	Initial search (n=5)	Initial search (n=408)
		Title search (n=4)	Title search (n=5)	Title search (n=29)
		Abstract review (n=2)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=13)
			Full text review (n=0)	

		Full text review (n=1) Papers for review (n=1)	Papers for review (n=0)	Full text review (n=7) Papers for review (n=1)
KS9	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'kindergarten'	Initial search (n=8) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=3) Title search (n=3) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=134) Title search (n=27) Abstract review (n=7) Full text review (n=3) Papers for review (n=1)
KS10	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'nursery'	Initial search (n=1) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0)	Initial search (n=2) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=55) Title search (n=9) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)

		Papers for review (n=0)		
KS11	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'day care'	Initial search (n=15) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=3) Full text review (n=2) Papers for review (n=1)	Initial search (n=2) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=61) Title search (n=13) Abstract review (n=2) Full text review (n=1) Papers for review (n=)
KS12	'Transition*' AND 'care' AND 'playgroup'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=1) Title search (n=1) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=14) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=2) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)

KS13	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'Early years'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=4) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)
KS14	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'preschool'	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=0) Title search (n=0) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)	Initial search (n=3) Title search (n=2) Abstract review (n=0) Full text review (n=0) Papers for review (n=0)
KS15	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'kindergarten'	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0) Title search	Initial search (n=4) Title search

		Title search (n=0)	(n=0)	(n=0)
		Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)
		Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)
		Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)
KS16	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'nursery'	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=2)
		Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)
		Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)
		Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)
		Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)
KS17	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'day care'	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0)
		Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)
			Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)

		Abstract review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)
		Full text review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)
		Papers for review (n=0)		
KS18	'Transition*' AND 'educare' AND 'playgroup'	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0)	Initial search (n=0)
		Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)	Title search (n=0)
		Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)	Abstract review (n=0)
		Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)	Full text review (n=0)
		Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)	Papers for review (n=0)