

WHY LITERATURE REVIEWS ARE FOR YOU

Literature reviews can inform the work that you do.

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What is a literature review?

The term '**literature**' refers to all the available research and practice information on a particular area or topic.

A **literature review** is an in-depth analysis and summary of existing research on a particular topic of interest.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first **gender-responsive rehabilitation programme in SPS** for **female drug offenders** was conceptualized based on:



A review of the international literature on gender-specific needs related to drug offending, and

Local research conducted on the gender-specific needs of female drug offenders in SPS.

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What you can stand to learn from a literature review:



Best practices in your area of work



Knowledge gaps (i.e. problems that remain unsolved)



Emerging trends and approaches in corrections



How **current research** builds upon existing research

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How to conduct a literature review¹:

Step 1: Search on keywords for relevant articles



Step 2: Evaluate articles for relevance



Step 3: Identify themes, debates and gaps



Step 4: Organize the flow of main points



Step 5: Put together your literature review

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