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Abstract:

Aims of the research

We want to understand the experience of service improvement in occupational therapy because service improvement helps to improve outcomes for patients, their families and carers. Mapping this information will create a resource for occupational therapists to guide service improvement.

Background to the research

This research needs to be done now because the knowledge about service improvement is not collected in one place which means it is hard for occupational therapists to know how to do service improvement.

Design and methods used

This research will use a method called a scoping review which involves searching for all the information that has been written about service improvement in occupational therapy. When we have found the information, we will analyse it to collate the key lessons for occupational therapists, such as barriers and facilitators.

Patient and Public Involvement

A patient and public involvement group will be set-up with people who have experience of occupational therapy. The group will be involved in discussions at each stage of the project, including the protocol, the searching, the analysis of findings, and how we share the information.

Sharing our findings

We will share the key lessons about service improvement with occupational therapists through articles in journals they read and presentations at conferences they attend. To ensure we reach as many occupational therapists as possible, we will also use social media, such as blog posts. We will also work with people in practice locally to develop education about service improvement based on our findings.