# Synthesising the Evidence Grant 2026: Reviewer’s feedback form

Note this form is based on the *Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols* (PRISMA-P) (Moher et al 2015).

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| **Project title:** |  |
| **Reviewer’s name:** |  |
| **Declaration of conflict of interest (if any):** |  |
| **Date:**  |  |

**For the following section, please identify whether the applicant has included the information requested.**

| Application section | Topic | Item | Information provided? | Comments |
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| Yes | Partly | No |
| 8 and 10 | Rationale  | Is the rationale for the review described?  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Objectives | Is there an explicit statement of the question the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators and outcomes (PICO)? |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Eligibility criteria | Are the study characteristics (e.g. PICO, study design, setting) and report characteristics (e.g. years considered, language bias, publication status) described? |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Information sources | Are the information sources listed? |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Search strategy | Is at least one search strategy presented? |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Data management | Is a mechanism for managing records and data described? |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Selection process | Is the process for selecting studies described? |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Data extraction process | Is the method for extracting data from reports described? |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Data items | Have variables that will be collected from the data been listed and defined?  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Outcomes | Have all outcomes been listed and defined? |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | Risk of bias | Have methods for uncovering bias been described? |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Synthesis | Has the criteria for synthesising data, or type of summary if synthesis is not appropriate, been described? |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | Meta-bias(es) | Has an assessment of any meta-bias(es) been described? | Yes | Partly | No | N/A |  |
| 25 | Evidence quality | Has the method for assessing the strength of the evidence been described? |  |  |  |  |

For each of the following sections, please tick the most appropriate box and give comments.

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| 1. **Skills of the applicant**
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| Does the applicant demonstrate they have a sufficient level of skills to complete the project described or have sufficient support in place to be able to do so? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Fit with RCOT’s top ten research priorities**
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| Does the systematic review topic clearly link to the top 10 priorities for occupational therapy research in the UK? The research priorities can be found [here](https://www.rcot.co.uk/top-10). |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments:  |
| 1. **Inclusion of people who access services**
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| Does the project include a realistic plan for public involvement and engagement in the design, execution and dissemination of the research?  |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Impact on people who access services**
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| Does the project propose an impact that will benefit people who access services and/or their families or carers? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Equity, diversity and belonging**
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| Does the proposed project take account of diverse populations, inclusive of socioeconomic groups, and how to include them appropriately in the project? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments:  |
| 1. **Methodology – overall comments**
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| Is the proposed methodology sound? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Funding**
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| Does the project appear feasible and offer good value for money? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Institutional support**
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| Does the project have appropriate support from the host institution? |
| Yes (2) | Maybe (1) | No (0) |
| Comments: |
| 1. **Overall recommendation for support**
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| Highly recommended  | Recommended  | Not recommended  |
| Additional comments for the RCOT Research and Innovation Fund Panel: |
| Comments for feedback to the applicant: |

**Please provide a final score from questions 1-8.**

**Total score: /16**

**CONSENT REQUEST**

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**References:**

Moher D, Shamseer L, Clarke M, Ghersi D, Liberati A, Petticrew M,…the PRISMA-P Group (2015) Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols (PRISMA-P) 2015 statement. *Systematic Reviews, 4(1).* Available at:<https://systematicreviewsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/2046-4053-4-1>