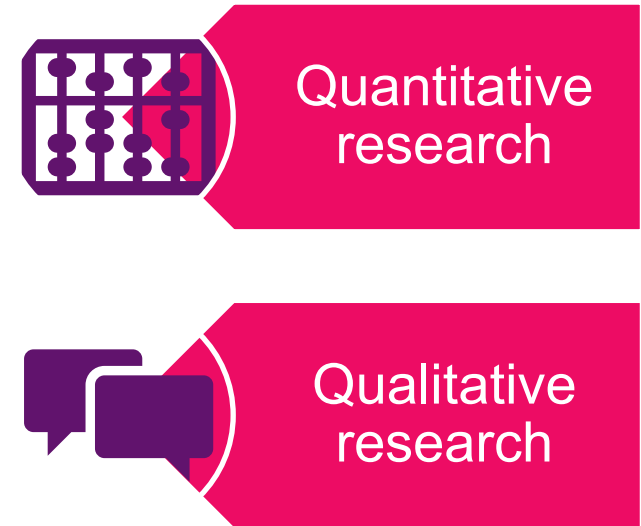
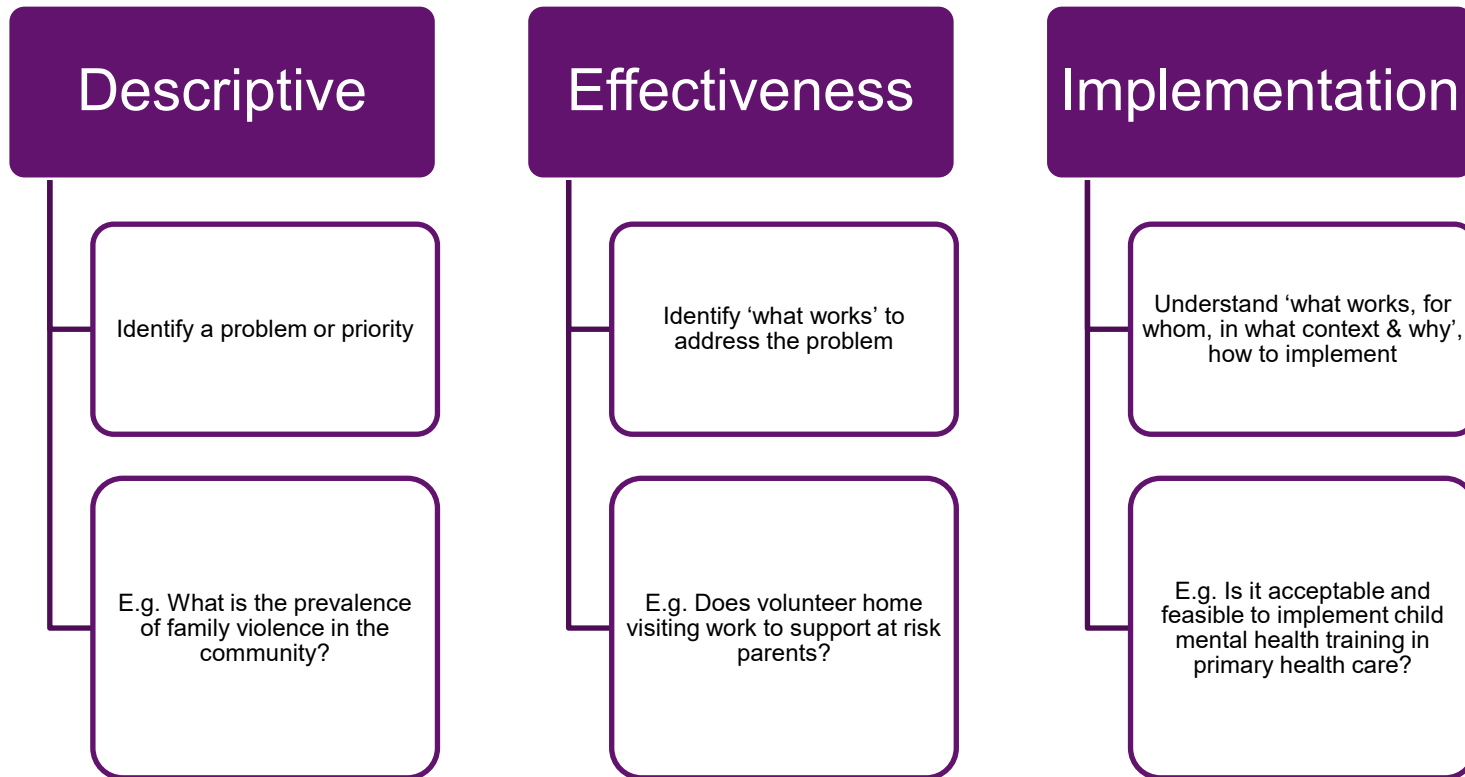


Different types of research evidence

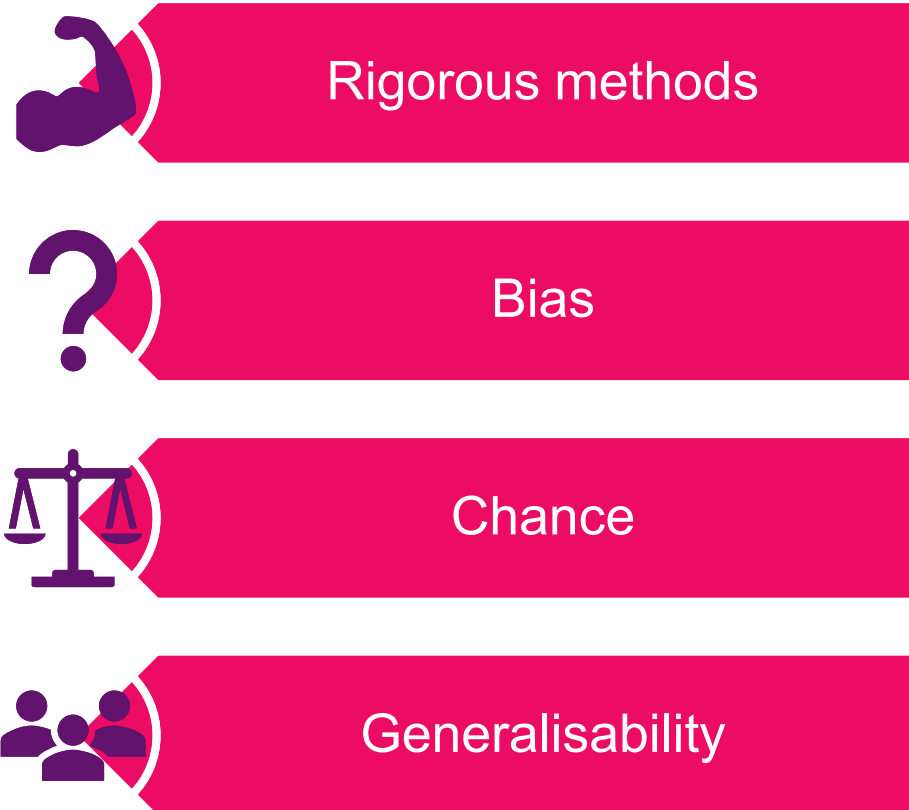


Quality of the evidence: fit for purpose

Research question	Qualitative research	Survey	Case-control studies	Cohort studies	RCTs	Quasi-experimental studies	Non-experimental studies	Systematic reviews
Does doing this work better than doing that?				+	++	+		+++
How does it work?	++	+					+	+++
Does it matter?	++	++						+++
Will it do more good than harm?	+		+	+	++	+	+	+++
Will service users be willing to or want to take up the service offered?	++	+			+	+	+	+++
Is it worth buying this service?					++			+++
Is it the right service for these people?	++	++						++
Are users, providers, and other stakeholders satisfied with the service?	++	++	+	+				+

Source: Adapted from Petticrew and Roberts 2003, Table 1, p.528.

Quality of research evidence: 'critical appraisal'



Example: A program to help reduce **social isolation** in **young people**

Concept	Example concept	Key words for search
Population: who would you like to attend your program?	Young people	Young OR, youth OR, adolescent OR, adolescence OR, teenager
		AND
Intervention: what activity are you doing to respond to the need or achieve the outcome?	An activity to reduce social isolation	Program OR, intervention OR, evaluation OR response OR, prevention
		AND
Outcome: What is the change that you want to see?	Social isolation	“social isolation” OR, lonely OR, loneliness

Example search: Young OR adolescent AND program OR intervention AND isolation OR loneliness