A scoping review to identify and characterise the existing literature for specialist nurse led respiratory services in primary and community-based care for adults with chronic respiratory conditions.

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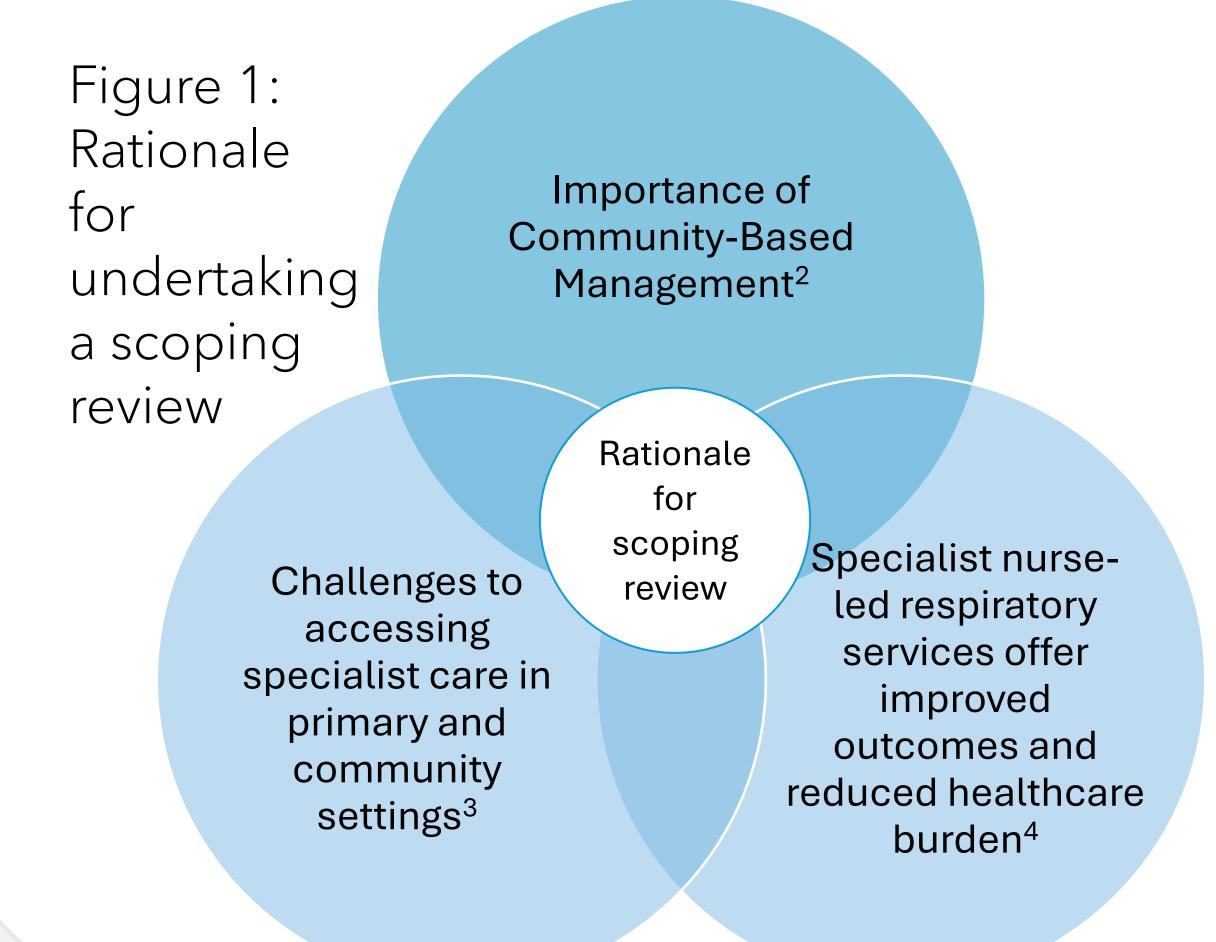
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### Background

Chronic respiratory conditions are major global health concerns<sup>1</sup> costing the NHS nearly £10 billion per year.



# Aim of scoping review

- To explore the scope and impact of specialist nurseled respiratory services in primary and community care for adults with chronic respiratory conditions.
- To assess whether a full systematic review is warranted
- To inform healthcare providers, policymakers, and researchers by summarising current best practices and identifying successful strategies
- To highlight gaps in the literature, guiding future research to better address patient needs

## Research Question

The research question was developed using the PCC Framework<sup>5</sup>

Population (P): Concept (C): Context (C): Adults >/=18 Primary and Specialist communitynurse-led with chronic based care respiratory respiratory settings services. conditions

Combining these elements, the research question was developed as follows:

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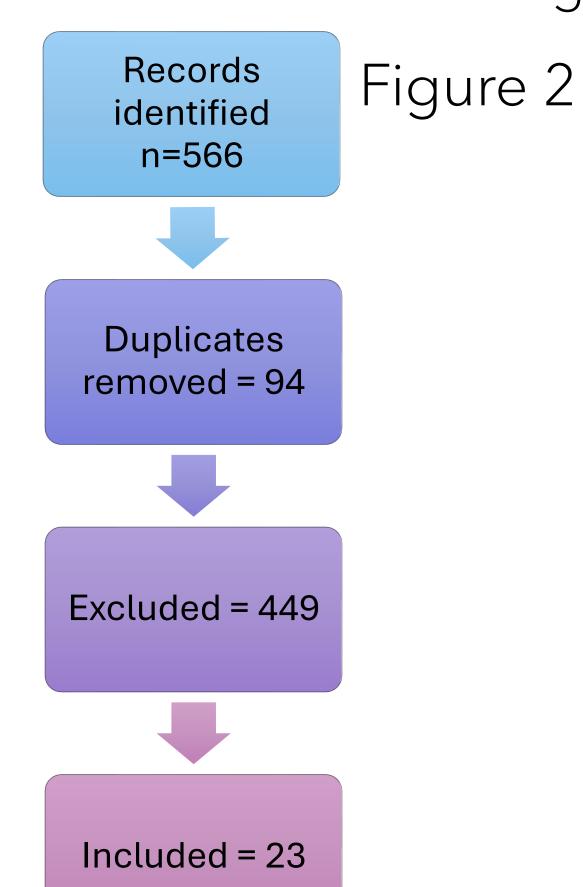
### Methods

A search of electronic databases was conducted using systematic principles.

Databases included:

- CINAHL
- Medline
- PsycInfo

Figure 2 shows the study selection process used.



### Results

By mapping out the data extracted from the studies included in the review, this highlights a significant gap in the evidence surrounding primary care-based, respiratory nurse specialist-led services for managing chronic respiratory diseases.

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|            |               |                   | Secondary care<br>teams | Community teams | General<br>Practitioners | Integrated care<br>teams |
| ocation of | care delivery | Secondary<br>Care |                         |                 |                          | <b>✓</b>                 |
|            |               | Community         |                         |                 |                          | •                        |
|            |               | Care              | <b>✓</b>                | <b>✓</b>        |                          | <b>✓</b>                 |
|            |               | Primary care      | <b>✓</b>                |                 | <b>&gt;</b>              | <b>✓</b>                 |
|            |               | Home based        |                         |                 |                          |                          |
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### Conclusion

- Establishing the RNS role in primary care has potential benefits for delivering proactive and high-quality respiratory care.
- . This scoping review revealed a lack of robust evidence to support this approach.
- . This will inform a PhD to:
  - . Explore how to optimise the delivery of quality respiratory care in primary and community settings
  - . Understand how the RNS role can contribute to this.

<sup>2.</sup> NHS England (2019) NHS Long Term Plan. Accessed on 08/05/2025. England.nhs.uk

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