**Summary of CERQual assessment**

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| **Category** | **Included papers** | **CERQual assessment of confidence in the evidence** | **Explanation of CERQual assessment** |
| Disrupted workspaces and protective strategies | (Abel, 2014; Anderson et al., 2016; Armstrong, 2014; Armstrong, 2015; Armstrong, 2016; Baratosy and Wendt, 2017; Benoit et al., 2016; Biradavolu et al., 2009; Brents and Hausbeck, 2005; Cepeda and Nowotny, 2014; Corriveau and Greco, 2014; Ghimire et al., 2011; Goldenberg et al., 2018; Handlovsky et al., 2012; Huang and Pan, 2014; Katsulis et al., 2010; Krusi et al., 2012; Krusi et al., 2016; Krusi et al., 2014; Levy and Jakobsson, 2014; Maher et al., 2015; Maher et al., 2011; Miller, 2002; O'Doherty, 2011; Okal et al., 2011; Pitcher and Wijers, 2014; Pyett and Warr, 1999; Ratinthorn et al., 2009; Rocha-Jimenez et al., 2017; Shannon et al., 2008; Sherman et al., 2015; Simic and Rhodes, 2009) | **High/moderate** | **Moderate to high methodological quality**  *All studies used appropriate design, methods and ethical approach, conclusions reflected findings; a sizeable minority lacked detail over sampling and analysis methods; few studies reflected on relationship between researchers and participants in detail*  **High coherence**  *No findings contradict the review finding; most included studies contribute partially but clearly to this category*  **High adequacy of data**  *33 papers contribute to this category (15 rich data)*  **Moderate to high relevance**  *Wide range of countries, populations & legislative models, but some regions (Africa, Central/South America, Europe) & models (criminalisation of clients, decriminalisation) underrepresented, and few studies with trans and male sex workers* |
| Institutionalising violence, coercion and extortion, and restricting access to justice | (Abel, 2014; Armstrong, 2014; Armstrong, 2015; Armstrong, 2016; Baratosy and Wendt, 2017; Benoit et al., 2016; Biradavolu et al., 2009; Cepeda and Nowotny, 2014; Corriveau and Greco, 2014; Dewey and St Germain, 2014; Ediomo-Ubong, 2012; Foley and Nguer, 2010; Ghimire et al., 2011; Goldenberg et al., 2018; Gulcur and Ilkkaracan, 2002; Huang and Pan, 2014; Karim et al., 1995; Katsulis et al., 2010; Kiernan et al., 2016; Krusi et al., 2016; Krusi et al., 2014; Levy and Jakobsson, 2014; Lutnick and Cohan, 2009; Lyons et al., 2017; Maher et al., 2015; Mayhew et al., 2009; Miller, 2002; Nichols, 2010; O'Doherty, 2011; Okal et al., 2011; Pyett and Warr, 1999; Ratinthorn et al., 2009; Rhodes et al., 2008; Rocha-Jimenez et al., 2017; Scorgie et al., 2013; Sherman et al., 2015; Simic and Rhodes, 2009; Wong et al., 2011) | **High/moderate** | **Moderate to high methodological quality**  *All studies used appropriate design, methods and ethical approach, conclusions reflected findings; a sizeable minority lacked detail over sampling and analysis methods; few studies reflected on relationship between researchers and participants in detail*  **High coherence**  *No findings contradict the review finding; most included studies contribute partially but clearly to this category*  **High adequacy of data**  *39 papers contribute to this category (19 rich data)*  **Moderate to high relevance**  *Very wide range of countries, populations & legislative models, but some regions (Central/South America, Europe) & models (criminalisation of clients, decriminalisation) underrepresented, and few studies with trans and male sex workers* |
| Reproducing multiple stigmas and inequalities | (Baratosy and Wendt, 2017; Benoit et al., 2018; Benoit et al., 2016; Biradavolu et al., 2009; Cepeda and Nowotny, 2014; Corriveau and Greco, 2014; Dewey and St Germain, 2014; Goldenberg et al., 2018; Gulcur and Ilkkaracan, 2002; Katsulis et al., 2010; Krusi et al., 2016; Levy and Jakobsson, 2014; Lyons et al., 2017; Maher et al., 2015; Mayhew et al., 2009; Miller, 2002; Nichols, 2010; Ratinthorn et al., 2009; Rhodes et al., 2008; Rocha-Jimenez et al., 2017; Scorgie et al., 2013; Shannon et al., 2008; Sherman et al., 2015; Simic and Rhodes, 2009; Wong et al., 2011) | **High/moderate** | **High methodological quality**  *All studies used appropriate design, methods and ethical approach, conclusions reflected findings; a small number of studies lacked detail over sampling and analysis methods; half of studies reflected on relationship between researchers and participants in detail*  **High coherence**  *No findings contradict the review finding; most contribute clearly but partially to this category, depending on the population and the inequalities/stigmas they face*  **Moderate to high adequacy of data**  *27 papers contribute to this category (8 rich data)*  **Moderate relevance**  *Good range of countries, populations & legislative models, but some regions (Central/South America, Europe) & models (criminalisation of clients) underrepresented and no studies in decriminalised contexts; few studies with trans and male sex workers* |
| Restricted access to healthcare and social welfare | (Anderson et al., 2016; Baratosy and Wendt, 2017; Benoit et al., 2016; Brents and Hausbeck, 2005; Goldenberg et al., 2018; Gulcur and Ilkkaracan, 2002; Ham and Gerard, 2014; Huang and Pan, 2014; Levy and Jakobsson, 2014; Lutnick and Cohan, 2009; Lyons et al., 2017; Maher et al., 2015; O'Doherty, 2011; Rocha-Jimenez et al., 2017; Scorgie et al., 2013) | **Moderate** | **High to moderate methodological quality**  *All studies used appropriate design, methods and ethical approach, conclusions reflected findings; a few studies lacked detail over sampling and analysis methods; a sizeable minority reflected on relationship between researchers and participants in detail*  **Moderate coherence**  *No findings contradict the review finding; most contribute clearly but partially to this category; however, there is greater focus on HIV/STI testing in regulated contexts, and on broader healthcare in other contexts*  **Moderate adequacy of data**  *18 papers contribute to this category (4 rich data)*  **Moderate relevance**  *Good range of countries, populations & legislative models, but all regions except North America represented by 1-2 studies only; regulation most represented model, no studies in decriminalised contexts; few studies with trans and male sex workers* |

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