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GPs Role in Advancing Practice in Care Homes

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Context Expert Group

General introduction into care home problems
(briefly mentioning COVID?)

Can everyone please introduce themselves (unmute!):

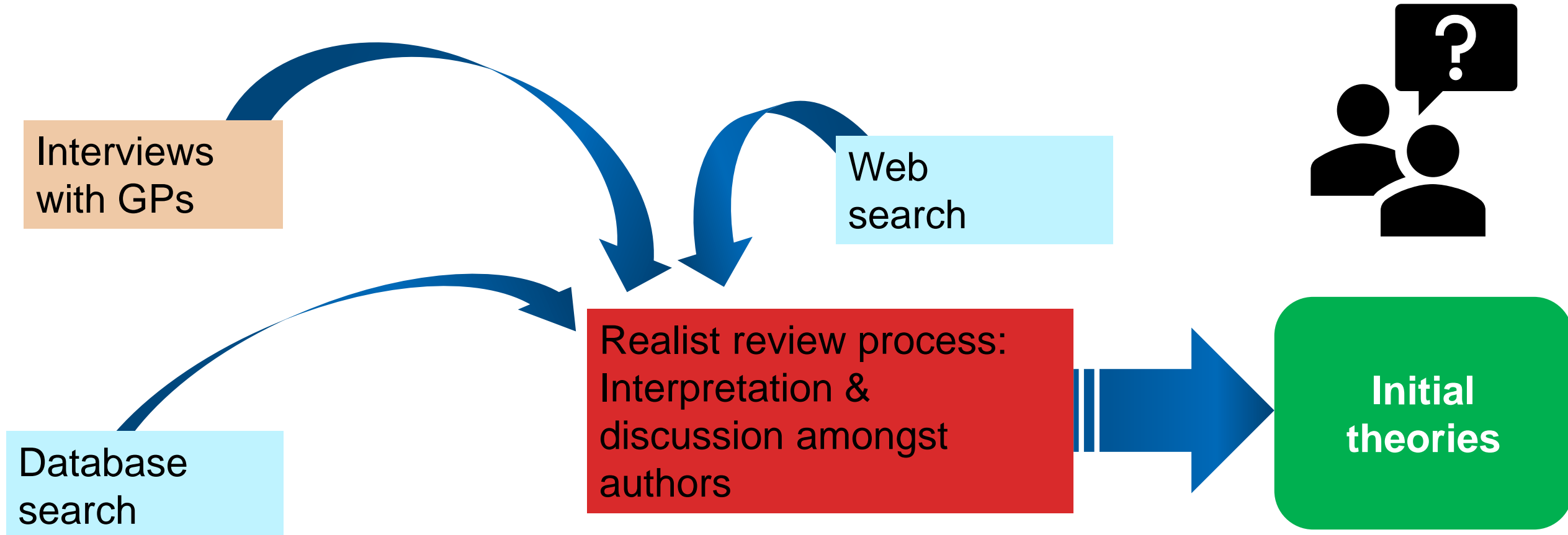
Name and job role

Any brief comments of your experience of care homes working with GP or
GP working with care homes



- What do we mean by quality improvement?
- What quality improvement initiatives have you been involved in?
 - Or have you read about?
- What different types of improvement or service development occur in care homes?

How does GP involvement in service development and improvement lead to improved outcomes for residents?





We would like your input on three topics

1. GP experience of care home work
2. GP input into improvement into end of life care
3. GP input into improvement in medication review or optimisation

4. What are important outcomes of GP involvement?
5. Is it important to consider other topics?



- Contract issues
- Workload
- Continuity of care versus stronger relationship with care homes (alignment)
- Special interests
- GP practices covering many care homes



If support, training or professional networks are available...
...then a GP may develop special interests & expertise in
care home quality improvement



- Can you tell us about projects to improve end-of-life care?
- GP confidence in delivering care
 - Similar skills to urgent care?
 - Palliative medicine and expertise
- GP involved in delivering training in end of life care
- Involvement in making advance care plans
- Important outcomes? / measures?



If there is professional ownership and leadership from GP in end-of-life care...

...then a GP involved in quality improvement in end-of-life care may lead the project or deliver training to care home staff

(eg. Gold Standard Framework)



Summary

- Many QI projects seem to be complementary to GP care
- Some QI projects report problems engaging GP
- Our theories indicate 3 things that may help:
 - Giving GP resources & enabling extended role
 - Ownership by GP of improvement agenda
 - Prioritising relationship between GP & other practitioner