Supplementary File 1:

Table: Search Strategy and Results

Platform	Search/combination in time frame 1/1/2015-8/4/2020	Number
Embase	'quality improvement':kw AND (ireland:ab,ti OR irish:ab,ti)	19
Google Scholar	allintitle: [Ireland OR Irish] "quality improvement"	26
Lenus	Subject contains "quality improvement"	84
PubMed	("quality improvement"[Title/Abstract]) AND ((Ireland[Title/Abstract]) OR Irish[Title/Abstract])	59
rian.ie	Search term "quality improvement" excluding theses	37
Web of Science	TS=("quality improvement") AND CU=(Ireland) AND (SU=Anesthesiology OR SU=Cardiovascular System & Cardiology OR SU=Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine OR SU=Dermatology OR SU=Emergency Medicine OR SU=Endocrinology & Metabolism OR SU=Gastroenterology & Hepatology OR SU=General & Internal Medicine OR SU=Geriatrics & Gerontology OR SU=Health Care Sciences & Services OR SU=Immunology OR SU=Infectious Diseases OR SU=Legal Medicine OR SU=Medical Laboratory Technology OR SU=Neurosciences & Neurology OR SU=Nursing OR SU=Nutrition & Dietetics OR SU=Obstetrics & Gynecology OR SU=Oncology OR SU=Ophthalmology OR SU=Orthopedics OR SU=Otorhinolaryngology OR SU=Pathology OR SU=Pediatrics OR SU=Pharmacology & Pharmacy OR SU=Psychiatry OR SU=Public, Environmental & Occupational Health OR SU=Radiology, Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging OR SU=Rehabilitation OR SU=Research & Experimental Medicine OR SU=Respiratory System OR SU=Rheumatology OR SU=Surgery OR SU=Toxicology OR SU=Urology & Nephrology) , sub-groups "Article" and "Early access"	146
Cross-referencing	Additional report of Irish quality improvement initiative referred to in those reports retrieved through the original searches	1
Personal network	Reports known to researchers researchers through their professional network	7