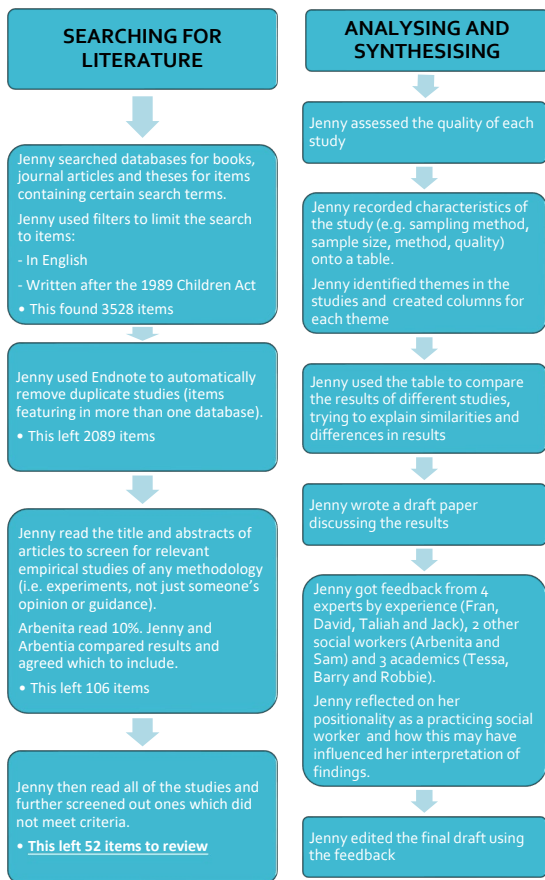


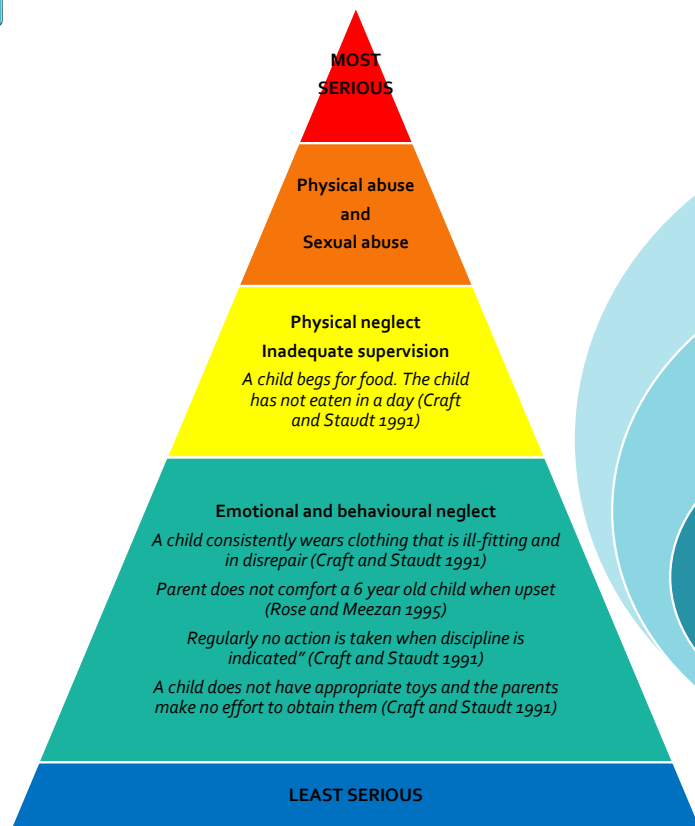
Method

A systematic narrative literature review

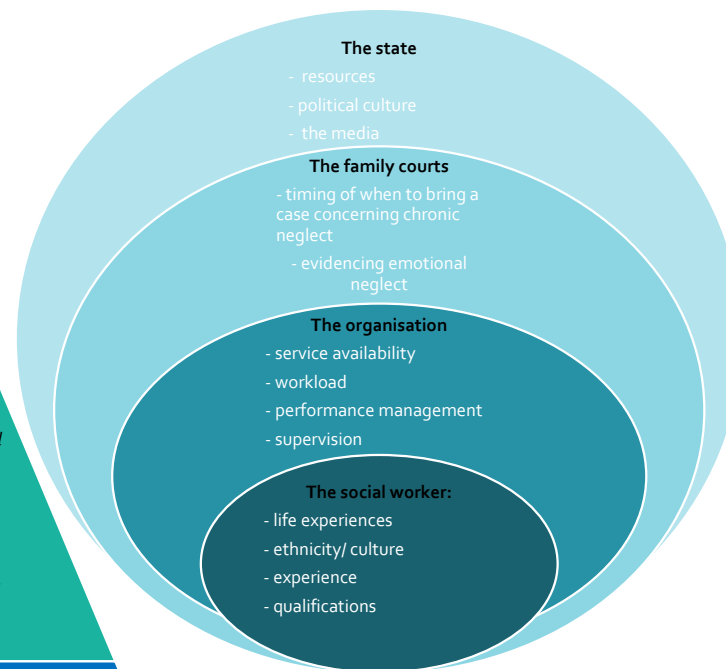


Findings

How serious do social workers perceive neglect to be?



What contextual factors influence social workers perceptions of neglect?



Implications

Practice	<p>Social workers may be underestimating the emotional harm caused by chronic neglect.</p> <p>Reflective, supportive supervision may help social workers recognise how their perceptions of neglect may be influenced by their personal circumstances and stress levels.</p> <p>Social workers would benefit from greater support and training in how to evidence the harm caused by neglect in the court arena.</p>
Policy	<p>Failure to provide support services is likely to lead to increased involvement on a statutory basis for children experiencing neglect.</p>
Research	<p>Caution is needed when using informant reporting as an indicator of neglect as thresholds are not entirely consistent.</p> <p>For qualitative studies into neglect, generalisability may be improved by purposefully sampling cases from social workers and organisations with a diverse range of characteristics.</p> <p>For quantitative studies into neglect, it may be necessary to control for variables such as national policy and caseloads which influence thresholds for neglect.</p> <p>There is a lack of knowledge about perceptions of neglect in older children and those with disabilities, more modern forms of potential neglect (e.g. childhood obesity, online supervision) the "tipping point" for intervention following cumulative neglect, variation between countries and over time</p>

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Social workers' perceptions of child neglect