922 documents identified using the search using the terms [(homicide OR murder) in the title] AND [(schizophrenia OR schizophrenia spectrum OR psychosis OR delusional OR schizo-affective OR disorder (in any field)] in the data bases [Medline, PsycINFO, Embase 1960-week 2 November 2013] after the removal of duplicates

370 documents concerned with cohorts of homicide offenders with severe mental illness by abstract

119 studies described the characteristics of homicide offenders with mental illness including studies reported in more than one paper

29 studies of homicide by patients with schizophrenia or related psychosis from defined populations,

552 titles not examined further as clearly lacked relevance; not principally about homicide, not about homicide by the mentally ill, case reports, about specific crimes other than homicide.

251 not about homicide by mentally ill people or about particular classes of homicide

90 studies not describing homicide by people with schizophrenia and related psychosis or not epidemiological samples

29 studies of homicide by patients with schizophrenia or related psychosis from defined populations,

3 published studies reporting recidivists Data from 11 studies by personal communication

5 studies with no available data
8 studies with authors who could not be contacted
2 study did not differentiate homicide and attempted homicide, no further information available from the authors