Figure 1: Flow diagram for literature search and review

Records identified through Medline, Psychinfo, Proquest, Cochrane library database search using keywords: self-poisoning, suicide attempt, attempted suicide, Sri Lanka, Ceylon (n=353)

Abstracts screened (n=353)

Records excluded (n=261)
- on medical management of acute self-poisoning
- on accidental poisoning
- not based in Sri Lanka

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n=58)

Duplicates removed (n=34)

Full-text articles excluded (n=42):
- did not provide data on intentional self-poisoning
- focused only on completed suicide

Studies retained (n=16)

Eligible articles from bibliographies of already retrieved articles: (n=6)

Hand search of Ceylon Medical Journal (n=4)

Papers included in review (n=26 publications, n=23 studies)