Database searches: Medline, Embase and the Web of science

Studies included if:
- Are in EU, Norway, Australia or US settings
- Report health outcomes (specifically about chronic disease) in adults aged 19+

Studies excluded if:
- Are published earlier than 1st January 2002
- Are set in non-OECD countries
- Do not mention “social network”, “networks”, “relationships”, “ties” or similar concept in the title or abstract
- Do not mention “class” or “deprivation” or similar concept in the title or abstract
- Do not mention self-management or related terms
- Are not about diabetes, other chronic disease, or health behaviours related to diabetes

8,926 articles

Studies included if:
- Describe relationship between social class, role of networks, or access to resources and ability to manage a chronic illness in the abstract.

896 articles

Studies included if:
- Qualitative
- Discuss network related processes
- Meet quality appraisal criteria

25 articles selected for review