Potentially relevant papers identified through electronic searches and screened for retrieval (n = 839)

Papers excluded with reasons (n=575):
- Relevant comments (n=92)
- Not relevant comments (n=98)
- No assessment/exploration of preferences for place of end of life care or place of death (n=225)
- Case stories (n=49)
- Children (n=34)
- Relevant reviews (n=21)
- Papers in other languages (n=19)
- Unpublished material (n=10)
- Not relevant reviews (n=22)
- Legal analysis (n=2)
- Books (n=3)

Papers retrieved for more detailed evaluation (n = 264)

Papers excluded with reasons (n=124):
- No assessment/exploration of preferences for place of end of life care or place of death (n=100)
- Relevant comments (n=12)
- Not relevant comments (n=2)
- Case stories (n=6)
- Unpublished material (n=3)
- Unreachable (n=1)

Papers included (n = 140)

Papers identified through handsearches (n=28)

Papers identified through follow up of reference lists (n=67):
- Tacking reference lists of relevant reviews (n=20)
- Tracking reference lists of included papers (n=47)

Papers spontaneously provided by authors (n=5)

Papers included in the review (n=240), different studies (n=210)

Studies included in analysis of percentages with a home preference (n =130)