Records identified through database searching n = 8625

Duplicates removed n = 1746

Records screened n = 6877

Records excluded (n = 6449)
1. Pre-2000 n = 6
2. Wrong study design n = 1373
3. Not about policy n = 4242
4. Not about use of evidence n = 819
5. Not about policy makers n = 126

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility n = 430

Full-text articles excluded (n = 301)
1. Pre-2000 n = 0
2. Wrong study design n = 109
3. Not about policy n = 58
4. Not about use of evidence n = 85
5. Not about policy makers n = 27
6. Not retrievable n = 22

Studies included in qualitative synthesis n = 145