Records identified through database searching (n = 429)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 22)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 46 duplicates)

(n = 405)

Records excluded (n = 368)
- Integrated care, intermediate care, teamwork (n = 68)
- Reviews, discussions (n = 82)
- Descriptive and predictive studies (n = 114)
- Policy, government documents (n = 27)
- Not randomised controlled trials or quasi-experimental trials (n = 19)
- Not transitional care hospital to home (n = 58)

Records screened (n = 405)

Full-text articles excluded (n = 25)
- Quasi-experimental design (n = 5)
- Discharge only, standard hospital discharge (n = 4)
- Adult sample, not older people (n = 3)
- Secondary data analysis (n = 1)
- Discussion paper (n = 2)
- Interprofessional or integrated care (n = 4)
- Not randomised controlled trial or quasi-experimental design (n = 2)
- Rehabilitation (n = 2)
- Psychometric study, cross sectional design (n = 1)
- Reviews/concept analyses (n = 1)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 37)

Studies included in review (n = 12)