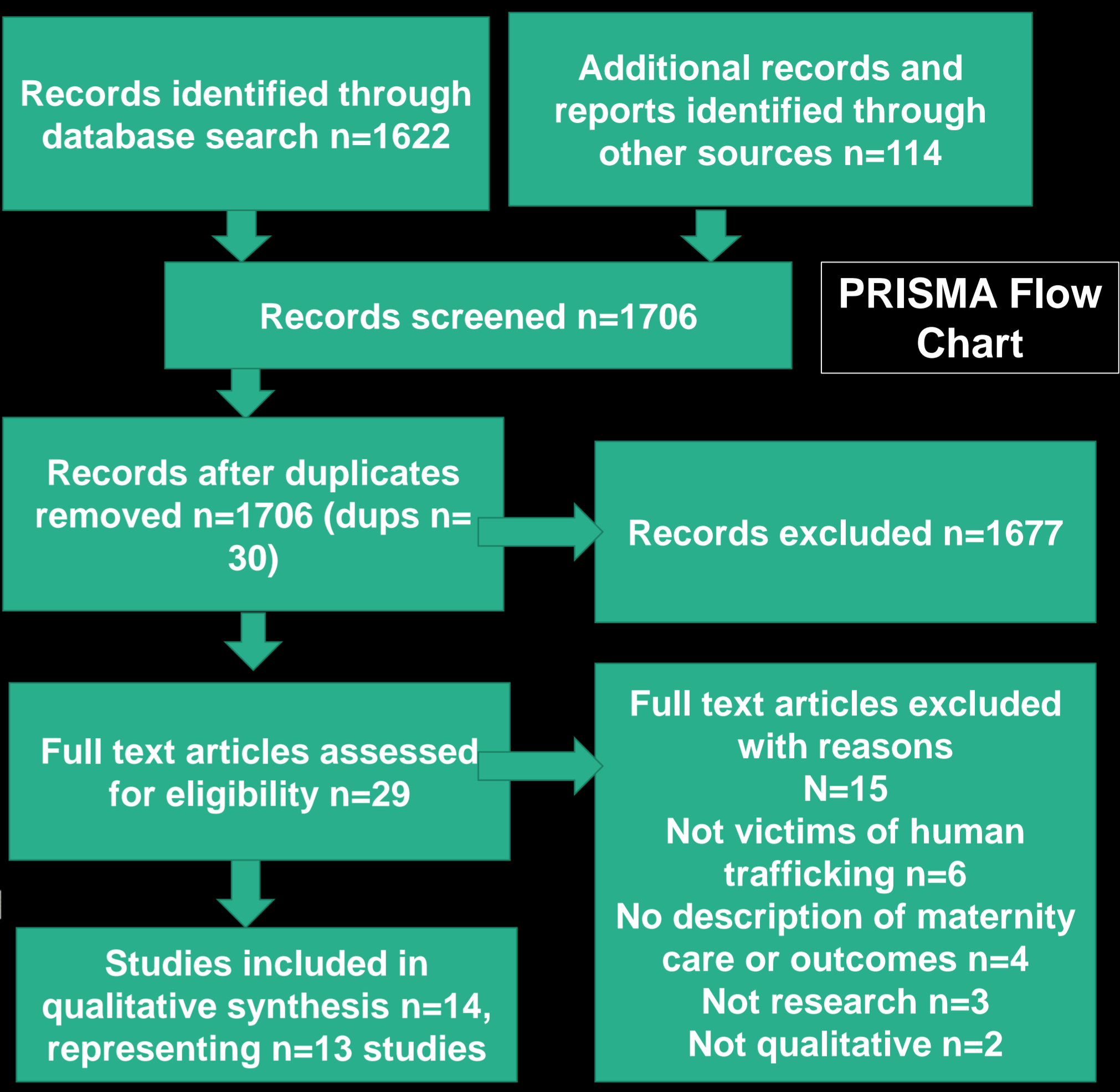


Pregnancy, Morbidity & Mortality

A Systematic Review was undertaken to evaluate all the eligible national and international qualitative evidence to determine the impact of human trafficking with sexual violence on the health and wellbeing of women and their babies.

“I was past my fifth month, when the abortion was done. I didn't know I was pregnant. The abortion was done illegally in terrible unsanitary conditions. The operation was very difficult, so I was nearly dead. There was no anaesthetic.... After the abortion I felt very bad, like I would die”

Thematic Synthesis
 - coded according to meaning and context
 - Descriptive Themes
 - Analytical themes



POPPY awareness of Human Trafficking

POor health, Person centred, People who need us to say Yes to access

PHYSICAL, SEXUAL & MENTAL HEALTH

- STIs, HIV, TB, Physical & Mental ill-health, Alcohol/Drugs,
- Poor Maternity Outcomes
- Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse, Miscarriage, TOP,
- Contraception access & fail,
- Child health & Care of Baby

“I was found unconscious in the street when I was heavily pregnant ... I was taken to the hospital by ambulance”

BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE

- Lack of documentation, Fear of authorities,
- No knowledge of how to access healthcare,
- Fear of recrimination, Traffickers presence,
- Traffickers communicate with HCPs,
- No interpreter
- LATE ACCESS TO MATERNITY CARE
- self-medicate, late presentation,
- fear of pregnancy,
- traffickers control access to healthcare
- CONTINUITY OF CARER
- scheduled appointments, dispersal

“I have so many scars all over my body and so many injuries and so many illnesses. I have hepatitis C and stomach and back pain and a lot of psychological issues. I tried to commit suicide several times”

COMMUNICATION

- Listen to Victims,
- Lack of recognition of trafficking,
- Victims don't want to relive experiences

STIGMA & SHAME

- Confidentiality (good & poor),
- Judgemental attitudes,
- Supportive HCPs



SAFEGUARDING: Mum & Baby



“The hospitals are huge; I don't know how to get there on my own. The doctors and nurses talk down on me because I am a sex worker. They know I am dirty and I have HIV”

“The most important thing is to ask, and to give you time to explain how you are feeling instead of just assuming what is wrong, giving you the chance to explain, and listening to your opinion about why you feel like that”