Appendix 18a: Low-intensity psychological interventions GRADE evidence profiles

Non-facilitated self-help versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations	2
Guided self-help versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations	
Psychoeducational group (CBT) versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations	
Group CBT versus group anxiety management training for mixed anxiety populations	
Guided CBT bibliotherapy versus high-intensity CBT for mixed anxiety populations	

Non-facilitated self-help versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations

			Oralita					S	ummary of f	findings		
			Quality asses	sment			No. of p	atients		Effect		
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Non- facilitated self-help	Comparator	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	Importance
Non-rem	ission - Mixed	anxiety popula	tion - Non-facilit	ated self-help ve	ersus treatment	as usual						
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	12/18 (66.7%)	15/16 (93.8%)	RR 0.71 (0.5	272 fewer per 1000 (from 469 fewer to 9 more)	$\oplus \oplus \oplus \oplus$	
							12/10 (00.7 %)	94.5%	to 1.01)	274 fewer per 1000 (from 472 fewer to 9 more)	HIGH	
Anxiety -	Mixed anxiety	population- N	on-facilitated bib	liotherapy versu	is Non-active co	ontrol (Better indi	cated by lower	values)		•		
4	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	86	56	-	SMD 0.76 lower (1.12 to 0.4 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Anxiety -	Pure GAD po	pulation- Non-	facilitated bibliot	herapy versus w	aitlist control (l	Better indicated b	y lower values)					
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	17	18	-	SMD 1.06 lower (1.77 to 0.35 lower)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	
Anxiety -	combined pop	oulation- Non-f	acilitated self-hel	p versus treatme	ent as usual (Be	tter indicated by 1	ower values)	•	•			
1	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	18	16	-	SMD 0.7 lower (1.4 to 0.01 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Non-rem	ission - Mixed	anxiety popula	tion - Non-facilit	ated self-help ve	rsus non active	control		•	•			
2	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	Serious ³	No serious imprecision	None	25 (20 ((1 1)))	35/37 (94.6%)	RR 0.68	303 fewer per 1000 (from 123 fewer to 445 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕O	
							25/39 (64.1%)	94.5%	(0.53 to 0.87)	302 fewer per 1000 (from 123 fewer to 444 fewer)	MODERATE	
Anxiety -	combined pop	oulation - Non-	facilitated self-he	lp versus non ac	tive control (Be	tter indicated by l	ower values)					
6	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	153	124	-	SMD 0.74 lower (0.99 to 0.49 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
	I	I		I		I		I	I			

		any reason - r					-	1	1		
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	Serious ³	Serious ⁴	None	2/41 (4.9%)	5/39 (12.8%)	RR 0.5 (0.09	64 fewer per 1000 (from 117 fewer to 236 more)	⊕⊕OO
							2/ 11 (1.770)	12.7%	to 2.84)	64 fewer per 1000 (from 116 fewer to 234 more)	LOW
nxiety	- Pure GAD po	pulation - No	n-facilitated comp	outer mindfulne	ss therapy versu	is waitlist contro	ol (Better indicate	d by lower va	lues)		
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	50	50	-	SMD 0.61 lower (1.01 to 0.21 lower)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH
)epress	sion - Mixed and	xiety population	on - Non-facilitate	ed bibliotherapy	versus non acti	ive control (Bett	er indicated by lov	wer values)			
	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	57	28	-	SMD 0.78 lower (1.27 to 0.3 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate
lon-ren	nission - Mixed	anxiety popu	lation - Non-facil	itated self-help	versus waitlist c	ontrol					
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	13/21 (61.9%)	20/21 (95.2%)	RR 0.65 (0.46 to	333 fewer per 1000 (from 76 fewer to 514 fewer)	$\oplus \oplus \oplus \oplus$
							13/ 21 (01.9 %)	94.5%	0.92)	331 fewer per 1000 (from 76 fewer to 510 fewer)	HIGH
Anxiety	- combined pop	pulation - Nor	n-facilitated self-h	elp versus waitl	ist control (Bett	er indicated by	lower values)				
	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	135	108	-	SMD 0.74 lower (1.01 to 0.48 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate
viscont	inuation due to	any reason - p	oure GAD popula	tion - Non-facili	tated bibliother	apy versus wait	list control				
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ⁴	None	2/19 (10.5%)	1/19 (5.3%)	RR 2 (0.2 to	53 more per 1000 (from 42 fewer to 1013 more)	⊕⊕⊕O
							2/19 (10.3%)	27.9%	20.24)	279 more per 1000 (from 223 fewer to 5368 more)	MODERATE
Discont	inuation due to	any reason - p	oure GAD popula	tion - Non-facili	tated computer	mindfulness th	erapy versus wait	list control			
	Randomised trials	Serious⁵	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None		58/115 (50.4%)		227 fewer per 1000 (from 116 fewer to 308 fewer)	
							32/116 (27.6%)	27.9%	RR 0.55 (0.39 to 0.77)	126 fewer per 1000 (from 64 fewer to 170 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate

Discontin	nuation due to	any reason - co	mbined population	on - Non-facilita	ted self-help ve	rsus non active co	ontrol					
4	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	Serious ³	No serious imprecision	None	26/187/10.2%)	64/185 (34.6%)	RR 0.56 (0.4	152 fewer per 1000 (from 76 fewer to 208 fewer)	⊕⊕OO	
							36/187 (19.3%)	27.9%	to 0.78)	123 fewer per 1000 (from 61 fewer to 167 fewer)	LOW	
Discontin	nuation due to	any reason - co	mbined population	on - Non-facilita	ted self-help ve	rsus waitlist cont	rol					
3	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	24/156 (21.8%)	62/155 (40%)	RR 0.55	180 fewer per 1000 (from 72 fewer to 252 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕O	
							34/156 (21.8%)	27.9%	(0.37 to 0.82)	126 fewer per 1000 (from 50 fewer to 176 fewer)	MODERATE	
Discontin	nuation due to	any reason - co	mbined population	on - Non-facilita	ted self-help ve	rsus treatment as	usual					
1	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ⁴	None		2/18 (11.1%)	RR 0.9 (0.14	11 fewer per 1000 (from 96 fewer to 527 more)	⊕⊕ОО	
1.			1. 1.1		(2/20 (10%)	27.9%	to 5.74)	28 fewer per 1000 (from 240 fewer to 1322 more)	LOW	

¹ Majority completer analysis and unclear bias which may likely inflate the effect size ² Unclear attrition bias and completer analysis

³ Different comparison group (waitlist control and treatment as usual)

⁴ 95% confidence interval including no effect ⁵ High attrition bias and completer analysis

Health economic profile

Stepped care	versus minim	al intervention					
Study & country	Limitations	Applicability	Other comments	Incremental cost (£)	Incremental effect (QALYs)	ICER (£/QALY)	Uncertainty
Drummond <i>et al.,</i> 2009, UK	Minor limitations ¹	Directly applicable ²		Unable to calculate ³	Unable to calculate	Unable to calculate	98% probability of stepped-care intervention being cost effective at UK £20-30,000 threshold - based on 1000 bootstrap samples

 $^{^{1}}$ Short time horizon; no formal synthesis of incremental costs and effectiveness

² Societal perspective including criminal justice costs

³ Not possible to calculate ICER with data available. Authors did not report total costs over 6-month period.

Guided self-help versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations

			0						Summary o	of findings		
			Quality asses	sment			No. of	patients		Effect		Importance
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Guided self-help	Comparator	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	importance
Anxiety -	Mixed anxiety	population - C	uided bibliothera	py versus waitli	ist control (Bette	r indicated by lov	ver values)					
1	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	27	33	-	SMD 0.62 lower (1.14 to 0.1 lower)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Anxiety -	Mixed anxiety	population - G	uided bibliothera	py versus treatm	nent as usual (Be	tter indicated by	lower value	s)				
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	Serious ²	Serious ³	None	80	44	-	SMD 0.15 higher (0.22 lower to 0.51 higher)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Anxiety -	Pure GAD pop	pulation - guide	d CCBT versus w	aitlist control (B	etter indicated b	y lower values)	ł					
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	24	21	-	SMD 1.22 lower (1.86 to 0.57 lower)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	
Anxiety -	Combined pop	pulation - Guid	ed self-help versu	s non-active con	trol (Better indi	cated by lower val	ues)	•		•	•	
	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	serious ⁴	serious ^{2,5}	serious ³	None	131	98	-	SMD 0.38 lower (0.99 lower to 0.24 higher)	⊕OOO VERY LOW	
Anxiety -	Combined pop	pulation - Guide	ed self-help versu	s waitlist contro	1 (Better indicate	ed by lower values	5)					
	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	Serious ⁵	No serious imprecision	None	51	54	-	SMD 0.89 lower (1.47 to 0.31 lower)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Depressio	on - Mixed anx	iety population	- Guided biblioth	erapy versus wa	aitlist control (B	etter indicated by	lower value	es)		•		
1	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ³	None	27	33	-	SMD 0.44 lower (0.95 lower to 0.08 higher)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Depressio	on - Mixed anx	iety population	- Guided biblioth	erapy versus tre	atment as usual	(Better indicated	by lower va	alues)				
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	Serious ⁴	Serious ²	Serious ³	None	78	44	-	SMD 0.03 higher (0.78 lower to 0.84 higher)	⊕OOO VERY LOW	
Depressio	on - pure GAD	population - G	uided CCBT versu	is waitlist contro	ol (Better indicat	ed by lower value	es)					
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	24	21	-	SMD 0.85 lower (1.46 to 0.23 lower)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	
Depressio	on - Combined	population - G	uided self-help ve	ersus non-active	control (Better i	ndicated by lower	values)					
4	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	Serious ⁴	Serious ^{2,5}	Serious ³	None	129	98	-	SMD 0.31 lower (0.86 lower to 0.25 higher)	⊕OOO VERY LOW	

Depressi	on - Combined	population - G	uided self-help ve	ersus waitlist con	ntrol (Better ind	icated by lower va	lues)				
2	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	Serious⁵	No serious imprecision	None	51	54	-	SMD 0.63 lower (1.02 to 0.23 lower)	⊕⊕OO LOW
Worry - N	/lixed anxiety p	population - Gu	ided bibliotherap	y versus treatme	nt as usual (Bet	ter indicated by lo	wer values)				
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ³	None	53	26	-	SMD 0.17 higher (0.3 lower to 0.64 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate
Worry - F	ure GAD popu	ulation - Guideo	d CCBT versus wa	itlist control (Be	tter indicated b	y lower values)					
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	24	21	-	SMD 0.93 lower (1.55 to 0.32 lower)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH
Non-rem	ission - Combi	ned population	- Guided self-hel	p versus non-act	ive control	•		•			
2	Randomised trials	serious ¹	very serious ⁶	serious ⁵	serious ³	None	53/72	62/69 (89.9%)	RR 0.71 (0.32	261 fewer per 1000 (from 611 fewer to 530 more)	⊕000
							(73.6%)	86.6%	to 1.59)	251 fewer per 1000 (from 589 fewer to 511 more)	VERY LOW
Non-rem	1		tion - Guided bibl	19	1					ſ	I
1	Randomised trials	Serious ¹	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	42/48	42/48 (87.5%)	RR 1 (0.86 to	0 fewer per 1000 (from 122 fewer to 140 more)	⊕⊕⊕O
							(87.5%)	87.5%	1.16)	0 fewer per 1000 (from 122 fewer to 140 more)	MODERATE
Worry - C	Combined popu	ulation - Guideo	d self-help versus	non-active contr	ol (Better indica	ted by lower value	es)			•	
2	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	Serious ⁶	Serious ⁵	Serious ³	None	77	47	-	SMD 0.36 lower (1.44 lower to 0.71 higher)	⊕OOO VERY LOW
Non-rem	ission - Pure G	AD population	- Guided CCBT v	ersus waitlist co	ntrol						·
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	11/24	20/21 (95.2%)	RR 0.48 (0.31		$\oplus \oplus \oplus \oplus$
							(45.8%)	85.7%	to 0.75)	446 fewer per 1000 (from 214 fewer to 591 fewer)	HIGH
Non-resp	onse - Pure GA	AD population -	Guided CCBT ve	rsus waitlist cor	itrol						
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	15/24 (62.5%)	21/21 (100%) 90.5%	RR 0.63 (0.46 to 0.87)	370 fewer per 1000 (from 130 fewer to 540 fewer) 335 fewer per 1000	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH

			-	-			1	1			1	
										(from 118 fewer to 489		
										fewer)		
Discontin	uation due to	any reason - Mi	ixed anxiety popul	ation - Guided b	oibliotherapy ve	rsus waitlist contr	ol					
1	Randomised	Serious ¹	No serious	No serious	Serious ³	None		15/48		125 more per 1000		
	trials		inconsistency	indirectness				(31.3%)		(from 53 fewer to 428		
							21/47	(31.370)	RR 1.4 (0.83	more)	⊕⊕OO	
							(44.7%)		to 2.37)	52 more per 1000	LOW	
								12.9%		(from 22 fewer to 177		
										more)		
Discontin	uation due to	any reason - Mi	ixed anxiety popul	ation - Guided b	oibliotherapy ve	rsus treatment as	usual					
2	Randomised	No serious	Serious ⁴	Serious ²	Serious ³	None				45 fewer per 1000		
	trials	limitations						6/57 (10.5%)		(from 102 fewer to 946		
							9/96		RR 0.57 (0.03	more)	⊕000	
							(9.4%)		to 9.99)	55 fewer per 1000	VERY LOW	
								12.9%		(from 125 fewer to		
										1160 more)		
Discontin	uation due to	any reason - Pu	re GAD populatio	n - Guided CCB	T versus waitlis	t control						
		No serious	No serious	No serious	No serious	None				154 more per 1000		
	trials	limitations	inconsistency	indirectness	imprecision			2/21 (9.5%)		(from 39 fewer to 1013		
							6/24 (25%)		RR 2.62 (0.59		$\oplus \oplus \oplus \oplus$	
							0/21(20/0)		to 11.64)	154 more per 1000	HIGH	
								9.5%		(from 39 fewer to 1011		
										more)		
Discontin	uation due to	any reason - Co	mbined population	n - Guided self-	help versus non	-active control						
		No serious	No serious	Serious ²	Serious ³	None		23/126		77 more per 1000		
	trials	limitations ¹	inconsistency					(18.3%)		(from 55 fewer to 349		
							36/168	(RR 1.42 (0.7	more)	$\oplus \oplus OO$	
							(21.4%)		to 2.91)	54 more per 1000	LOW	
								12.9%		(from 39 fewer to 246		
								ļ		more)		
Discontin		5	mbined population	1		1		T				
2		Serious ¹	No serious	serious ⁵	serious ³	None		17/69		123 more per 1000		
	trials		inconsistency					(24.6%)		(from 22 fewer to 362		
							27/72	, , ,	RR 1.5 (0.91	more)	⊕000	
							(37.5%)		to 2.47)	64 more per 1000	VERY LOW	
								12.9%		(from 12 fewer to 190	wer to 190	
10										more)		

¹ Quasi-RCT

² Treatment group not comparable (treatment only and treatment plus treatment as usual)

³ 95% confidence interval including no effect
⁴ Moderate heterogeneity (50-80%)

⁵ Different target population (mixed anxiety and pure GAD population)

⁶ High heterogeneity (>80%)

Health economic profile

Guided bib	liotherapy versus	waiting list					
Study & country	Limitations	Applicability	Other comments	Incremental cost (£) ¹	Incremental effect	ICER (£/effect)	Uncertainty ¹
Guideline analysis UK	Potentially serious limita- tions ²	Directly applicable ³		£83-150	n/a	n/a	£83-150
CCBT versu	is waitlist for peo	ple with GAD					
Study & country	Limitations	Applicability	Other comments	Incremental cost (£) ¹	Incremental effect	ICER (£/effect) ¹	Uncertainty ¹
Guideline analysis UK	Minor limitations ⁴	Directly applicable⁵		£22.05	0.04	£541/QALY	Probability of cost effectiveness at £20,000/QALY: 93%

^{1.} Costs expressed in 2009 UK pounds

^{2.} Simple cost analysis; only intervention costs considered; resource use estimated based on data reported in RCTs included in the guideline systematic review supported by the GDG expert opinion

^{3.} Cost analysis conducted to assist guideline development; NHS perspective

4. Limited evidence base (1 RCT); intervention currently not available in the UK

5. Analysis conducted to assist guideline development; NHS and personal social services perspective; QALYs estimated based on the generic SF-6D

Psychoeducational group (CBT) versus comparator for pure GAD, mixed anxiety disorders or both populations

			Overliteressee					Summa	ary of findi	ngs		
			Quality asses	sment			No. of patie	nts		Effect		Importance
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Psychoeducational group (CBT)	Comparator	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	Importance
Anxiety -	Mixed anxiet	y population -	Psychoeducation	al group versus	waitlist control	l (Better indicated	l by lower values)					
		No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.34 lower (0.9 lower to 0.23 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Anxiety -	Pure GAD po	pulation - Psy	choeducational g	roup versus wa	itlist control (Be	tter indicated by	lower values)		-			-
	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	serious ¹	None	22	11	-	SMD 0.7 lower (1.45 lower to 0.04 higher)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Anxiety -	- Combined po	pulation - Psy	choeducational g	roup versus wa	itlist control (Be	etter indicated by	lower values)					
2	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	Serious ³	No serious imprecision	None	47	35	-	SMD 0.47 lower (0.92 to 0.02 lower)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Depressi	on - Mixed an	xiety populatio	on - Psychoeduca	tional group vei	sus waitlist con	trol (Better indic	ated by lower values)					
		No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	No serious imprecision	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.49 lower (1.06 lower to 0.08 higher)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	
Depressi	on - Pure GAI	population -	Psychoeducation	al group versus	waitlist control	(Better indicated	by lower values)	•		-	•	
	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	22	11	-	SMD 0.51 lower (1.25 lower to 0.22 higher)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Depressi	on - Combined	d population -	Psychoeducation	al group versus	waitlist control	(Better indicated	l by lower values)					
	Randomised trials	Serious ²	No serious inconsistency	Serious ³	No serious imprecision	None	47	35	-	SMD 0.5 lower (0.95 to 0.05 lower)	⊕⊕OO LOW	
Worry - N	Mixed anxiety	population - P	sychoeducational	l group versus v	vaitlist control (Better indicated l	by lower values)					
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.36 lower (0.93 lower to 0.2 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
	1		1		I		1	I		1	1	1

scontinuation due t	o any reason - P	ure GAD popul	ation - Psychoed	lucational group	versus WAITLI	ST CONTROL	T	T			
Randomised trials	Very serious ^{2,4}	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	4/26 (15.4%)	0/11 (0%)	RR 4 (0.23	0 more per 1000 (from 0 fewer to 0 more)		
						4/26 (15.4%)	0%	to 68.57)	0 more per 1000 (from 0 fewer to 0 more)	VERY LOW	

¹95% confidence interval including no effect

² Quasi-RCT

³ Different target population (pure GAD and mixed anxiety)

⁴ High selection bias and completer analysis

Health economic profile

Psychoed	Psychoeducational group versus waiting list											
Study & country	Limitations	Applicability	Other comments	Incremental cost (£) ¹	Incremental effect	ICER (£/effect)	Uncertainty ¹					
Guideline analysis, UK	Potentially serious limitations ²	Directly applicable ³		£36-108	n/a	n/a	£36-108					

^{1.} Costs expressed in 2009 UK pounds

² Simple cost analysis; only intervention costs considered; resource use estimated based on data reported in RCTs included in the guideline systematic review supported by the GDG expert opinion

^{3.} Cost analysis conducted to assist guideline development; NHS perspective

Group CBT versus group anxiety management training for mixed anxiety populations

			Quality accord	n om t	Summary of findings							
			Quality assess	nem	No. of patients		Effect					
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Group CBT	Group anxiety management training	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	Importance
Discontinuation due to any reason												
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	9/25	8/24 (33.3%)	RR 1.08 (0.5 to 2.33)	27 more per 1000 (from 167 fewer to 443 more)	⊕⊕⊕O MODERATE	
							(36%)	0%		0 more per 1000 (from 0 fewer to 0 more)		
Anxiety (Better indicate	d by lower valu	ies)									
1	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.16 higher (0.4 lower to 0.72 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Depressio	on (Better indic	ated by lower	values)									
1		No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.1 higher (0.46 lower to 0.66 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	
Worry (Be	etter indicated	by lower value	s)									
1	trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	25	24	-	SMD 0.28 lower (0.84 lower to 0.29 higher)		

¹95% confidence interval including no effect

Non-facilitated bibliotherapy versus non-facilitated audiotherapy in pure GAD populations

			Orrality accord	mont		Summary of findings						
	Quality assessment							oatients		Effect		
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Non-facilitated bibliotherapy	Non-facilitated audiotherapy	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	Importance
Anxiety (Better indicated by lower values)												
				No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	11	11	-	SMD 0.55 lower (1.4 lower to 0.31 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	

¹ 95% confidence interval including no effect

Guided CBT bibliotherapy versus high-intensity CBT for mixed anxiety populations

1, 0, ,												
			Overliter	t								
			Quality assess	nent		No. of pat	tients		Effect			
No. of studies	Design	Limitations	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Guided CBT bibliotherapy	High- intensity CBT	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality	Importance
Discontin	Discontinuation due to any reason											
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None		9/63 (14.3%)		30 fewer per 1000 (from 100 fewer to 154 more)		
							6/53 (11.3%)	0%	RR 0.79 (0.3 to 2.08)	0 fewer per 1000 (from 0 fewer to 0 more)	⊕⊕⊕O MODERATE	
Anxiety (Better indicate	d by lower valu	ues)									
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	53	63	-	SMD 0.3 higher (0.07 lower to 0.67 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O MODERATE	
Depressio	on (Better indi	cated by lower	values)		•			•	•		•	
	Randomised trials	No serious limitations	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	53	63	-	SMD 0.25 higher (0.11 lower to 0.62 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	

Worry (Better indicated by lower values)												
1			No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious ¹	None	53	63	-	SMD 0.28 higher (0.09 lower to 0.64 higher)	⊕⊕⊕O moderate	

¹ 95% confidence interval including no effect