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Evidence and gap map of criminal justice interventions for preventing terrorism and radicalization

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This ongoing Campbell Collaboration evidence and gap map (EGM) is sponsored by the USA Department of Homeland Security for the Five Research and Development (5RD) Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) network. The EGM aims to provide a comprehensive and systematic display of the existing evidence on criminal justice interventions that aim to prevent and reduce terrorism and radicalisation. More specifically, the review will (1) identify the existing evidence that considers the effectiveness of criminal justice interventions in preventing terrorism and radicalisation; and (2) identify existing gaps in the evidence where new primary research could be undertaken and where future synthesis could be conducted. There are currently no existing EGMs that focus on criminal justice responses to radicalisation, violent extremism, and/or terrorism. Several systematic reviews have synthesised the effectiveness literature. However, these reviews have either had a broad scope including criminal justice agencies amongst other agencies, or a more targeted scope focusing on just a particular branch of the criminal justice system. This EGM will be used to demonstrate gaps in the evaluation research, allowing key stakeholders to identify future funding priorities for research and development. Specifically, if the EGM indicates a lack of research related to a particular intervention/outcome, this may provide grounds to justify future primary studies. Additionally, if the EGM illustrates several studies in one domain, this may lead to further syntheses such as meta-analysis. Findings will be available at the time of the symposium and their policy and research implications will be discussed.