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Table 2 Summary of characteristics of studies

Study	Study aim	Methodology & data collection	Analysis method	Sample	Quality of study (CASP assessment)
1. Briscoe and Lavender (2009)	To explore and synthesize the experience of maternity care by asylum seekers and refugees	Collective case study: semi-structured taped interviews at 5 points during antenatal and postnatal period.	3 key stages of analysis: decontextualisation; display and data compilation.	3 asylum seekers and 1 refugee	Unclear
2. Feldman (2013)	To investigate the health impact of dispersal and relocation on pregnant women and new mothers seeking asylum.	Qualitative:20 face- to-face structured interviews with service users and 17 interviews with midwives.	Thematic analysis. Qualitative data presented as narrative accounts to illustrate themes.	20 asylum seekers who have experienced dispersal by UKBA during pregnancy or in the post natal period.	Low
3. Lephard and Haith Cooper (2016)	Exploring the maternity care experiences of local asylum seeking women to inform local services	Qualitative interpretative: semi-structured tape recorded or hand written interviews	Thematic analysis	6 asylum seekers	Low
4. McLeish (2002)	Describes asylum seeking women's experiences of maternity care in order to include	Qualitative: semi- structured tape recorded interviews with service users.	Not stated	33 asylum seekers	Low

	mothers voices in policy debates.				
5. Nabb (2006)	To explore the perceptions of pregnant asylum seekers while in emergency accommodation in UK.	Exploratory qualitative: semi- structured interviews with service users and unstructured interviews with health professionals	Not stated	10 pregnant asylum seekers living in Initial Accommodation	Low
6. Philimore <i>et al</i> (2010)	Identify maternity care experiences of migrant women (including asylum seekers) including reference to barriers, access and health beliefs	Qualitative: 82 face- to face questionnaires and 13 in-depth interviews with service users and 18 interviews with healthcare professionals.	Questionnaire data analysed using SPSS statistical analysis package and qualitative data using thematic synthesis	Migrant women including 17 asylum seekers.	Low