

### **Appendix 3: Search strategy (grey material)**

The following organisations working in the field of health care quality and safety were contacted and their websites searched to identify relevant work. The number of articles retrieved from each is in brackets:

1. Quality and safety in-country units
  - a. Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand - 2
  - b. Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care - 4
  - c. Clinical Excellence Commission - 0
  - d. Agency for Clinical Innovation – 4
2. Public Health England (UK) – 4
3. Agency for Health Research and Quality (US) – 3
4. Canadian Institute for Health (Canada) – 0
5. Institute for Healthcare Improvement (US) – 0
6. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - 5
7. European Collaboration for Healthcare Optimization - 1
8. Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (Canada) – 1 (not accessible – Medical Practice Variation- book)
9. Atlas of Variations in Medical Practice in the National Health System (Spain) – (0) unique (1 already picked up by database search)
10. Wennberg Collaborative (US) - 0
11. Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative (MUSIC) - 0
12. American College of Surgeons - 0
13. Australian Health Services Research Institute - 0
14. International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement - 0