**Identification**

**Screening**

**Eligibility**

**Included**

**Other literature sources**

**473** papers identified through other literature sources: SIGLE= 97; The British Library= 95; Zetoc (Conference proceedings) = 172; Southampton Nostalgia Group page = 55. References of included studies = 54

**899** papers screened

**25** papers (47 experiments)

**859** papers excluded based on *titles* and *abstracts*

Reasons:

Non-experimental studies

Did not measure outcome(s) of interest

**40** papers (103 experiments)

**15** papers (56 experiments) excluded

Reasons: Did not measure outcome(s) of interest Included a second independent variable Cannot access relevant data

**899** papers after duplicates removed

**Electronic databases**

**522** papers identified through database searching:

MEDLINE= 49; PsychINFO= 156; CINAHL Plus= 22; the Cochrane Library= 3; EMBASE= 47; ISI Web of Science= 12; Ethos: 233

Figure 1. Flow of information through the selection of studies for inclusion in the meta-analysis