**Figure 1: Process and phases of the review**

48 sources excluded

Phase 3: 30 sources reviewed and data extraction tool applied: evidence tables developed in topic areas (Table 1) (January 2016)

30 sources met inclusion criteria and included in the review (Table 1):

Topic areas: Cancer screening (3 papers); general cancer (15 papers); complementary therapies (1 paper) and end-of-life/palliative care (11 papers).

Randomised controlled trials: 1

Cohort studies: 27

Qualitative studies: 2

Literature review: 0

78 full-text sources retrieved for further screening (January 2015 – October 2015)

23 sources excluded

Phase 2- screening for inclusion to the review (January 2015)

101 sources identified and bibliographic details downloaded to Endnote Web

Phase 1- Information Services Advisor undertakes the search (December 2014)

Review team agreed the key questions and protocol for the review

**Table 1: Included papers**