Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Nicola Ring

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Overall, I enjoyed reading this revised manuscript - it was easier to read and I felt the text 'pulled' the reader in quicker than the previous version. The amendments worked well and I felt the revised content was more comprehensive now that additional detail had been provided in key places e.g. the analysis section.

One minor comment re: meta-ethnography having emerged as one of the more popular methods. The reference for this should be Ring N, Jepson R. and Ritchie K. (2011) Methods of synthesising qualitative research for health technology assessment. International journal of technology assessment in health care. 27(4) 384-390 (rather than the guide written for QIS/HIS) as we report in that paper the frequency in which this approach is used.

I am pleased to support the publication of this manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests.