Reviewer’s report

Title: The Impact of Direct Provision Accommodation for Asylum Seekers on Organisation and Delivery of Local Primary Care and Social Care Services: A Case Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions - nil

Minor Essential Revisions
- The "Context" paragraph under Methods would sit far better under Background;
- Box 1 graphic should be understandable on its own, without further text - thus the heading should be something like "Asylum applications in the Republic of Ireland, 1991 to May 2010" (or similar);
- a comma is needed on page 2, para 2 after "Second..."

Discretionary Revisions
- it would be of interest to know how the study findings will be communicated back to the Reception and Integration Agency (RIA).

Not for revision, but a comment for future research of this type: given the sensitivities relating to seeking asylum, including trust issues, my approach would be not to use a tape recorder when interviewing asylees; secondly, successful arguments have been made to ethics committees to accept verbal consent from refugees and asylum seekers, as long as it is appropriately documented by the researchers and co-signed by an interpreter, if required.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 that I have no competing interests