Reviewer’s report

Title: Framework and indicator testing protocol for developing and piloting quality indicators for the UK Quality and Outcomes Framework

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Reviewer: Anthony Scott

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This is a good paper outlining the importance of testing indicators of quality of care. Often, these are chosen without much thought, and the use of better methods to do this is important to promote.

Discretionary revisions

p10. Cost-effectiveness. How are QALYS measured? Are patients asked to fill out an EQ5D survey?.

Where cost-effectiveness information does not exist, what do you do? Is this then ignored, or are some other judgements made?

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 am a co-applicant on one grant and one tender with Stephen Campbell.