Reviewer’s report

Title: Self reported health status, and health service contact, of illicit drug users aged 50 and over: a qualitative interview study in the United Kingdom

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The manuscript is substantially improved due the the authors responsiveness to the reviewers comments. I have only one comment regarding the revision, and that has to do with the last sentence which states: "...the lives of older drug users not in contact with any healthcare provider are likely to be even more desperate." Perhaps older drug abusers or older people who are drug dependent would be more appropriate.

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.