Author's response to reviews

Title: Patient perceptions of safety and quality of maternity clinical handover

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To the editorial committee,

RE: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Manuscript No. 1350783654516050

Thank you for offering suggestions for revision of this manuscript. Please consider this revised manuscript for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

This revision has incorporated the minor essential revisions suggested including:

- More detail in the methods section including the name of the institution which provided ethics approval for this study and confirming that the study complied with the Helsinki Declaration.

- An inclusion of details of limitations of this study

- Improved coherency in expression and linkage of sections in the manuscript, including copy-editing the paper by a colleague whose first language is English.

These changes have been highlighted in yellow for your convenience.

One reviewer had a query regarding sample size calculation in this study. Given this is an exploratory qualitative study and not a quantitative interventional study no formal sample size or power calculation was performed.

We look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

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