Reviewer's report

Title: Why do women present late for antenatal care? A qualitative interview study

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This is an interesting study in an area that is important for maternity services to understand, I have a few comments only:

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Consistency of terminology needed: 'learning disability' (p.8) or 'learning difficulty'
2. Clarity needed around the issue of no funding for interpreters (p.8) e.g. non-english speaking women were excluded (p.32 mentions language problems)
3. Remove 'focus groups' from p.36

Discretionary Revisions:
1. Include recruitment strategy/ethical dilemmas if women did have learning disabilities e.g consent and how this was addressed
2. Include search terms for literature review

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 that I have no competing interests.