Reviewer's report

Title: Mapping service activity: the example of childhood obesity schemes in England

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This paper is unnecessarily long and the text is repetitive. The paper reports a cross-sectional snap shot in time of childhood obesity schemes in England but does not state when this was conducted. Much is made of the mapping approach that was used but no output of this is included. The results state that 51 different schemes were identified with an estimate of 314 to 375 local programmes, it is not clear whether this is a confidence range or some other estimate. Few details of the findings are presented other than general statements about 'typical' schemes, 'some' schemes or 'most' schemes. There is no indication of how many children were covered by these schemes, where they were or who ran them. The paper unfortunately provides little information on mapping service activities or on obesity schemes in England.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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'