Reviewer's report

Title: Chain of care for patients who have attempted suicide: a follow-up study from Baerum, Norway.

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The authors have answered many of the questions. They have also enriched and supplemented the text in some places.

I have one important question, that I recommend the authors have to adress:
In methods they describe criteria for repetition of a suicidal act. They still need to describe the catchment procedure of data. The question is, if they have used hospital diagnoses as catchment procedures (in this case how broad was the diagnostic spectrum? Did they use the X-diagnoses for suicidal acts, did they use other diagnoses for different injuries?). In order to use hospital data, it is necessary to use a broad catchment net if you want to find all events of self injury, as they are often registered in very different ways. Secondly, after this initial catchment, did they go through the records of the incidents in order to ensure the cases? Were the cases finally judged by the authors themselves or by some independent event committee? In case the authors did it themselves, were they blind to the history of possible relation to the intervention?

I see this description as essential, especially with the low repetition rate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests