Reviewer's report

**Title:** How do adolescents talk about self-harm? A qualitative study of disclosure in an ethnically diverse urban population in England

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Many thanks to the authors for the revisions to this manuscript.

Minor essential revisions: I suggest the authors do a final read of the paper for grammatical and typographical errors of which I noticed a few.

Discretionary revisions:

I think the Discussion section would benefit from a bit more structure - as it currently reads there is some discussion regarding help-seeking, then the authors describe the study strengths and limitations and then go back to a further discussion around help-seeking. Some sign posting along the way might help both the authors and the reader.

Finally the Discussion section may be enhanced by some mention of the help-negation effect which can operate among this population and is a significant barrier to help-seeking - see the work of Coralie Wilson on this topic.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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