Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Allan House

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This manuscript has been greatly improved by attention to the comments of your reviewers. I think you could reasonably publish.

I have one remaining observation. I do not think the reference to the Barnes Unit in the first paragraph of the introduction is appropriate. Service provision in self-harm is pretty patchy in the UK but it is misleading to single out the Barnes Unit as if it is doing something different from what is happening in many other places. That was true in years gone by but its service is much more mainstream now mainly because other places have caught up. A useful reference might be to the survey done by Gunnell and others of UK practice.