Reviewer’s report

Title: Help-seeking before and after episodes of self-harm: A descriptive study in school pupils in England

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Reviewer: Kamaldeep Bhui

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The revision is sound, and well constructed, with better clarity about the methods and a balanced and proportionate interpretation of the data.

The authors might say something about the limitations of the qualitative data, and also what they found by age, gender, and ethnic group a bit more explicitly.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have a PhD student who is working on self harm among young people in east london, using qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis. Otherwise, 'I declare that I have no competing interests'