Reviewer's report

Title: Applied public health research - falling through the cracks?

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This is an interesting and relevant case study which highlights an important issue in public health research at the moment.

Discretionary Revisions;
Additional insight into the stakeholder viewpoint would be useful and highlight the tensions faced by those working in partnership to evaluate public health programs.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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