Reviewer's report

Title: A qualitative study of Shared Care in the delivery of palliative care services in the community: Applying a scalar approach

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1. Generally well written.
2. Introducing the terms "sustainability" and "scale" was well done.
3. You detail responses but do not detail how common these themes were in your focus groups and what priority participants had for them. Please clarify.
4. Diagram 1 is unnecessary. Diagrams 2 and 3 leave me kind of cold. I am not sure the diagrams add anything. The collaboration between sectors is not clearly indicated. Please reconsider these diagrams.
5. The recommendations in table 3 need to be linked to the qualitative research data you discovered. Just putting into a table is not sufficient. Need to relate back to the shared care model issue and many of the recommendations seem peripheral and just "common sense". Please revise.

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'