Reviewer’s report

Title: A case study of nurse practitioner role implementation in primary care: What happens when new roles are introduced?

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Reviewer: Rhian Parker

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
Whilst this paper reports on a small number of case studies, the authors define their questions adequately.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
The methods are adequately described.

3. Are the data sound?
The data seem sound.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
It would strengthen the paper if a theoretical framework for qualitative methods was made clear. A better description of this approach (was it phenomenological etc) would help strengthen the paper.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes, but as stated in my comments in the text I think a description of the literature used to develop the research questions is needed

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes

Further Comments
This is an interesting paper and adds to the body of knowledge on the evolving NP role and can provide evidence for other countries who are also developing this role

Please see comments highlighted in the paper.

**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 declare that I have no competing interests'