Reviewer’s report

Title: Recognising the differences in the Nurse Consultant Role across context: A Study Protocol

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Major compulsory revisions

Update your literature review - new studies are being published in this area at quite a pace (see below).

Consider revision of your aims - they are extensive and rather ambitious.

Your study (by necessity and like most others) is fairly localised, although it is useful to look at the role in different settings. Whilst this does not detract from its usefulness, it must be kept in mind that your study like so many cannot necessarily be generalised.

It is also important to keep in mind that the title NC means different things in different countries - you clearly demonstrate your understanding of this but as the work develops and you come to disseminate your findings this must be borne in mind.

Discretionary Revisions

I completed a similar study in England a few years ago. I think you might find the papers I published of interest - the reference list was last updated for the 2014 paper earlier this year. I will be very interested to see your study develop and if I can be of further assistance please contact me: Helen Franks - h.franks@salford.ac.uk


Good luck with your research

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 do not have competing interests however I have conducted similar research at a national level in England. The following publications relate to this.

