Reviewer's report

Title: Patient safety in out-of-hours primary care: a review of patient records

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript.

The study aims were clear, relevant and important to patient safety in primary care.

The chosen and described method was appropriate. A particular strength was the further review of all available records for a further four months after the out-of-hours contact.

The results provide interesting and new information with a variety of potential implications.

The discussion section summarized a number of important points but could be further expanded at the discretion of the authors.

I have attached my detailed review below, with references where possible or relevant.

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