Reviewer's report

Title: Ethno cultural Outpatient Clinic in Paediatrics

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Overall

Evaluations of practical initiatives are quite rare, and as such, this paper is of value. It is not properly set in the scientific literature on patient advocates/culturally trained support workers, and this needs remedying. The transferability of the scheme also needs consideration. Some specific comments are below. If this is a research project, then ethical approval would be expected (but not if it is a service evaluation) but ethical issues need to be discussed.

1. Title: Ethnocultural is an odd phrase. Why not describe in plain English?
2. Abstract: the results section should give key results i.e. data.
3. Please define immigrant and other related terminology – it is not self-evident. Children of immigrants born in Netherlands are not immigrants.
4. Methods: explain why only data on 2006 patients are analysed – why not all years?
5. Results: it is a problem that of 119 patients in the main diagnostic categories, only 67 had complete data on hospital use. This said, the findings are impressive.
6. We need detail on the content and process of training of the health workers.
7. No mention is made of ethical issues. Was this a research project or not? If not, say what it is.

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 have no competing interests.