Reviewer's report

Title: Barriers and opportunities for evidence-based health service planning: the example of developing a Decision Analytic Model to plan services for sexually transmitted infections in the UK

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Thank you. The article now reads well.

Discretionary revisions

Can I suggest you also include reference to the recently published findings from the SHORE project which has used two mathematical models to inform the provision of services in the South West available at: http://www.hpa.org.uk/ProductsServices/LocalServices/SouthWest/OfficeForSexualHealthSW/CommissioningAndProvision/swestshealthCommissioningsupport/

Models: Turner et al BMJ 2011
http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.c7250.abstract It contains a web based tool to inform the provision of partner notification services;


This(ese) could be included page 8 second paragraph as a novel example of the use of DAMs.

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:

None declared