Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor,

Hereby we re-submit our manuscript entitled

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for consideration for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

Earlier we submitted this paper to BMC Public Health. Natalie Pafitis and her co-editors advised us to transfer our submission to BMC Health Services Research.

Furthermore we made the following changes to our manuscript:

Background

- We removed the description of empirical literature from the USA and New Zealand. Information on these studies can now only be found in the appendix.

- We shortened the description of exploratory studies performed by our group.

Interview study

- We added details on the rationale (goal of study is more focused), methods (setting, sampling methods, topic list), and data analysis (coding, subthemes).

We hope that you find the article suitable for publication.
Sincerely yours, on behalf of the co-authors,

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