Author's response to reviews

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Re: Revision of manuscript number 1006991474995802

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Dear Professor Dominik Ose

We are grateful to the two reviewers for their additional comments on our revised manuscript. We have responded to these below and amended the manuscript accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries relating to this paper.

With best wishes

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Reviewer 1
Comment 1.
A small well conducted and described study which gives a good view of the situation in Ireland in 2009. It’s a pity there were no results on numbers and type of patients treated (case-mix).
Response 1.
We agree with the reviewer that case-mix results on numbers and types of patients treated would be useful. However, these data were unavailable. We have acknowledged this important point in the discussion, page 8, paragraph 3, last sentence.

Comment 2.
Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes, but I miss some statement about the shift to primary care in the conclusions.
Response 2.
We have inserted a sentence in the conclusions section in both the abstract and the main manuscript to address this comment as follows:
“At a time when the delivery of diabetes services in primary care is being promoted, further research is warranted on the factors influencing the successful transition to primary care.”

Comment 3.
Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes, only the first reference of Griffin S should be dated BMJ 1998 instead of BMJ 2009.
Response 3.
We have amended this error in the reference.

Reviewer 2
Comment 1.
The authors seems to have responded adequately to all of my comments. Therefore, I have no more comments for this article.
Response 1.
We are grateful to the reviewer for their constructive comments on the manuscript.