Reviewer's report

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The revised version of the manuscript is an improvement over the previous version. Two main weaknesses with this work remain: (1) the fact that, in the main, data which had been collected previously to address other questions, were used to address the present research questions. I think this contributes to the next point; (2) it seems difficult to discern internally coherent and relevant themes and subthemes. I still find it difficult to see how some of the subthemes really fit under some of the main themes identified.

One further point is the emergence of 'Barriers' and Facilitators'. Did these arise as discovered themes? Or was there a priori interest in grouping under these banner headings? This should be explained.

Despite these weaknesses, however, the paper contains interesting material and ideas that are worth sharing and discussing. One suggestion is that the authors somehow acknowledge that their secondary analysis of previously collected data is actually quite a big limitation (presently it is only mentioned as a limitation in passing), and one which has likely had an impact on their ability to identify clean and coherent themes related to the present research question.

Level of interest:An article of importance in its field

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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