Reviewer’s report

Title: Networking between community health programs: a team-work approach to improving health service provision

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Reviewer: Julie McDonald

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Minor essential revisions
1. Include full ethics consent information.

2. More information in the methods section on how the analysis was undertaken, including the use of (and referenced) any qualitative analytic frameworks used and more explicit description on how the credibility and trustworthiness of the account was assured.

Discretionary Revisions
3. Some of the information in the discussion section re triangulation of data and data saturation might be better included in the methods as these relate to some of the strategies used to strengthen the credibility, transparency and trustworthiness of the account.

4. Given the comment in the discussion that the data from the focus groups was triangulated with other data sources, then some information needs to be included in the methods section on how these other sources (eg observations, field notes documents) were analysed. This is especially important given the comment in the discussion that the findings are primarily based on the focus groups.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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