Reviewer's report

Title: The development and implementation of a regional network of physiotherapists for exercise therapy in patients with peripheral arterial disease, a preliminary report

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Reviewer: Robert Patterson

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General
The revisions are appropriate, and the autho's work and efforts are to be commended

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Abstract: “the quality of care has been improved."
- this remains unproven – this is part of the eventual research hypotheses – perhaps “access to care” would be a better term.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

“revised ET leaflet of the Vascular Patients Society has been nationally released in the autumn of 2004.”
It would be useful to attach this leaflet as an appendix

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests