Reviewer's report

Title: Developing recommendations to improve the quality of diabetes care in Ireland: a policy analysis.

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Reviewer: Jutta Pulkki

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Even though only minor revisions have been made to the manuscript after the first round reviewing the manuscript was now much more readable. The aim was more clearly presented, and the methods used was justified. Still, the way how the data were analyzed and the results remain partly vague. That is, what were the other themes found, e.g. authors present in the beginning of results section that “A number of themes emerged including…”? However, the story on ‘the evolution of the EAG recommendation’ was interesting and plausible.

Minor essential revisions (not for publication):

1. Abstract: Add abbreviation ‘EAG' to the abstract after the phrase ‘Expert Advisory Group’. Add the abbreviation also in the clause starting from row 4: ‘Although EAG’s recommendation…’

2. Background, last paragraph: Add a reference to the text where you present the multiple streams framework (page 7).

3. Add titles above all tables and under all figures. Also to the tables in additional files.

4. Add following footnote to additional file 2: *DOHC= Department of Health & Children*

Discretionary revisions (not for publication):

1. Results: The paragraph ‘problem stream' would benefit from a more descriptive title.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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