Reviewer’s report

Title: A comparison of mental health policy and direct practice stakeholder perceptions of factors impacting evidence-based practice implementation

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This is very nicely argued and well written paper that attempts to explore – through concept mapping – stakeholders perceptions around implementing evidence-based practice in mental health.

I am a novice in terms of concept mapping and the authors offer a very accessible account of their practice and results.

Minor Essential Revisions: The referencing at the end of the paper seems to astray, see especially page 17 – references 36 and 35 seem wrong.

Discretionary revision: In relation to limitations, the classical position around such self-report accounts of perceptions of barriers and facilitators is asking how to they relate to actual practice. See for example Checkland’s two papers around this:


Checkland KH, Coleman A, Harrison SR, Hiroeh U. (2009). 'We can't get anything done because...': making sense of 'barriers' to Practice-based Commissioning. J Health Serv Res Policy, 14(1)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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