Reviewer's report

Title: Police and clinician diversion of people in mental health crisis from the Emergency Department: A trend analysis and cross comparison study

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Reviewer: Michael Wilson

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Dear Dr. McKenna:

Thank you for your submission entitled "Police and clinician diversion of people in mental health crisis."

Based on my own review and the reviewer below, we find your manuscript interesting and worthy of publication. However, changes are needed before publication is possible.

In particular, please address the following points:

• Please describe more fully the qualifications of the mental health nurse, so that others may replicate your results.
• If you know how many people were improperly diverted out of the ED (ie, then had to return to the ED for further treatment), please report this. Otherwise, please more fully address this limitation.
• Please see the second reviewer report below for more stylistic changes.

Once again, thank you for your submission to BMC Emergency Medicine.

Sincerely,

Michael Wilson, MD PhD FAAEM