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Dear Editors,

Thank you for potentially accepting our paper (BMRM-D-18-00407), subject to minor revisions, entitled “How to measure the need for transition to adult services among young people with
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): a comparison of surveillance versus case note review methods” (authors Eke H, Janssens A, Downs J, Lynn RM, Ani C, and Ford T.) for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. We appreciate the opportunity to revise the manuscript and resubmit following the Editors comments.

We have addressed the Editors comments in the attached revised manuscript. Our responses to the individual comments are described below:

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Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit the manuscript with minor revisions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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