Reviewer’s report

Title: Primary Care Multidisciplinary Teams in Practice: A Qualitative Study

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Thank you for asking me to review this paper which is a qualitative study of primary care teams within North Carolina, USA and an exploration of their multidisciplinary team structure. This study will be of interest to those involved in setting up or evaluating primary care teams.

Overall this is a well written paper with interesting findings. The majority of my comments relate to more clarification needed about the set-up of primary care in the USA and structure as I am not very familiar with this and I think it would enhance this article to a wider readership, particularly as this journal is UK based.

Firstly, the authors talk about team-based care. An accepted and widely used term for this is multidisciplinary team. I suggest using this term, or if not used then clarifying that this is what the authors are referring to. The introduction could also add that multidisciplinary teams are common and well-established in other countries primary care set-ups, such as the UK and others.

The methods are well described. More information on the setup of primary care within NC (and the US) would be useful here as context for those not from the US. More detail on the number of primary care clinics which the participants were chosen from, average size and structure for NC would be useful to compare those recruited with the state average.

The results and themes are presented well, and I particularly found figure 2 helpful.

The discussion could be further strengthened by comparing the findings of this study to studies of primary care team setups in other countries, e.g. the UK, if there are no similar studies within the US. I think this would help this study add to the debate on the evidence for multidisciplinary team setups within primary care internationally.

I hope these comments are useful and constructive. Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper.
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