Reviewer’s report

Title: General Practitioner contributions to achieving sustained healthcare for offenders: A qualitative study.

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Reviewer: Robert Hoffman

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I think the study is important and some information (from the offenders perspective) was gathered.

An important addition would be to carry out similar interviews with involved physicians and health care staff, as well as Prison Services staff.

Regarding your conclusions - I am not sure your data supports some of your conclusions regarding the importance of the GP in assisting this challenged population.

I am sure health care coordination is a critical issue, but less than convinced that the GP is the solution. Continuity of care is entirely out of the GP's control, so possibly recommendations regarding health care staff specifically for offenders (regional nurses responsible for liason for their offender patients, for example) might be a more sustainable solution.

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