Reviewer’s report

Title: Ten-year audit of clients presenting to a specialised service for young people experiencing or at increased risk for psychosis

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The manuscript is well-written and presents a clear, predominantly descriptive, report of individuals referred to a specialised service audit for young people with (ulta-high risk [UHR] for) psychosis over a period of 10 years. I am particularly content that the authors draw special attention to the need for better comparison groups of individuals considered to be at UHR for psychosis, a commonly overlooked shortcoming in UHR studies. I believe the manuscript presents a valuable addition to the literature and only have two discretionary revisions to suggest.

- Table 2. I believe it would be even more informative to present the data in a way that combined ICD-10 diagnoses are illustrated. For example, how often did bipolar patients also receive a schizophrenia diagnosis. The percentages suggest there may be substantial overlap.

- More information on the logistic regression analyses could be provided. E.g. the authors state that both univariate and multivariate analyses were conducted, but do not report a statistical strategy according to which they operated. Were the combined predictors entered in blocks? In enter/stepwise fashion? I recommend adding a table to clarify this, including Wald statistics and confidence intervals.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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