Reviewer’s report

Title: Crime and victimisation in people with intellectual disability: A case linkage study

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This is a very useful addition to the literature. It would perhaps been of more impact and useful for future users of the results had there been two separate papers, one on victims and the other on perpetrators, although the reviewer recognises the reality that the material might not have been sufficiently extensive to justify this. The indications of the shortcomings are well covered, in particular that the database used is of a population already selected (by necessity) by its members contact with specialist services. This would have the effect, presumably, of increasing the proportion of positive findings.

More detail of the non-ID community population would have helped, particularly as some of its features were different, such as age.

Addressing the coexistence of comorbid mental illness as a risk factor is a useful contribution and the markedly greater frequency of serious offending is a pointer to further exploration of this matter. The authors usefully touch on the issues of diagnosis of both mental illness and intellectual disability, often confounding factors in studies of this population. Using Routine Activities Theory to account for risk variance is a useful approach.

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