Reviewer's report

**Title:** Meso level influences on long term condition self-management: stakeholder accounts of commonalities and differences across six European countries

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This is better but I have some minor issues still which need addressing.

More is required on sampling. Why is the interface between policy and research important?

The discussion is better but now messy and containing too many concepts which are under-explained. What is structuration exactly and how does this support the findings? The sentence beginning at 592 ('here our analysis...') is way too long and difficult. The whole of this paragraph needs editing and re-writing for length and expression (it is way too long).

Who is Clause Off? Why are his or her views so important and what do they add to the findings in the light of the broader policy analysis literature?

If the questions are from the realist review, more is needed about this in this paper than the reference. It is not clear which questions in the box were from this work.

There are too many quotes for the findings, such that the findings are being lost. A box with major findings and implications would be useful, as well as losing some of the quotes (sometimes up to three per finding).