Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring the Rewards and Challenges of Paediatric Palliative Care Work - A Qualitative Study of a Multi-disciplinary Children's Hospice Care Team

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This is a very well written paper.

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suggest "end of life phase of care".

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and from paediatric oncology, which although similarly supports children and their families for many years, can focus more on achieving cure and remission.

[of note is that many paediatric oncology services do provide palliative care - see for example "Pediatric Palliative Oncology: Bridging Silos of Care through an Embedded Model" J Clin Oncol 2017 doi: 10.1200/JCO.2017.73]

In table 1, it would be helpful if the staff were categorised more

e.g.

medical

nursing

allied health professionals

counsellors

volunteers

managers

support staff

It would also be helpful if the number of years of experience of working in the area was denoted. This seems a key moderator in the review by McConnell et al (ref 5).
And whether the clinicians all provided specialist palliative care or were generalists (e.g. a GP who provided paediatric palliative care but also looked after other patient groups).

The authors sometimes interchange working in a paediatric hospice and being part of a paediatric palliative care team. It would be helpful if the author's were more precise in this. As the authors would be aware - paediatric palliative care teams can operated within a children's hospice, but also can be consultative teams within children's hospitals.

It would also be helpful if the author's were more specific or consistent in using the terms clinical reflection and clinical supervision.

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