Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of an interprofessional training ward on the development of interprofessional competencies: Study protocol of a longitudinal mixed-methods study

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This manuscript introduces a current and much needed exploration of the impact of interprofessional learning on collaborative practice to inform the evidence base for interprofessional collaborative practice. It introduces an innovative study of the interprofessional competencies to be gained from the experience of participating in an Interprofessional Training Ward. The study effectively reviews the available literature and demonstrates a robust mixed methods approach. Research questions are focused and an effective sample of participants is clearly demonstrated enhancing the rigour of the research methodology. The analysis and findings of the study will enrich the much needed evidence base for interprofessional collaborative practice.

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Page 8 Line 21: does there need to be clarification of what T0, T1 and T2 mean here rather than waiting until page 10?

Page 8 line 40: clarify how informed consent is gained too participate in the study. Is there a letter that could be included as supplementary material?

Page 9 Line 21: 'are' instead of 'is'


Page 10: consistency in the use of numerals or word, perhaps not both

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