Reviewer's report

Title: A mixed methods study of collaboration between perinatal and infant mental health clinicians and other service providers: Do they sit in silos?

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

This manuscript has a lot of relevance to perinatal mental health practice in Australia, but it may be improved by the authors addressing the following issues:

1. The aims of the study need to be discussed explicitly with a separate heading.

2. The mixed methodology results need to be clarified either in the form of a summary table or a flow chart, particularly in terms of the various contributions of the study populations (clinicians, managers, patients).

3. What are the roles and aims of the PIMH services and in what way does this study assist in assessing their outcomes?

The author may want to consult with the reference listed here, which has a summary table outlining the roles of Perinatal Mental Health services and perhaps comment whether the PIMH have similar or different aims:


4. The themes identified are quite ambiguous? do the authors mean

We shouldn't sit in silos...but we do?

We need to enhance communication ?

and it's hard work overcome the current paradigm of separateness?

If the results are truly ambiguous, the authors should comment on this perhaps suggest recommendations for further studies?

5. The authors should consult with the crucial reference listed here, which is a metasynthesis of qualitative studies examining clinician and patient's attitudes and approaches and comment whether their study correlate with previous findings:


6. To what extent does interviewing the women assist or not assist with the overall aims of the study?

Minor Revision
1. Table 1 needs to be summarised with regards to the aims of the study
2. The word "comprehensive" may be a better descriptor than "holistic".

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.