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3	✓ ✓ ✓			<p>Reliability of information</p> <p>Is the author of the information identified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigel Malin & Gillian Morrow <p>Does the author of the information have the qualifications or experience to write on this topic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigel Malin, BA, Dip.Adv.Studs.(Soc.Admin.), M.Phil, M.Litt, Ph.D.is a Professor of Social Policy. He has a strong commitment to research and teaching interests in the field of interdisciplinary health and social care; social policy and service evaluation. Gillian Morrow School of Health, Natural and Social Sciences, University of Sunderland, UK. <p>Does the information come from an ‘authoritative source’?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Journal of Interprofessional Care is a peer-reviewed Journal. <p>Who published the source?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Journal of Interprofessional Care is published by infomra Healthcare
5	✓	✓		<p>Accuracy of information</p> <p>How is the information presented? If the information is presented as fact, can it be checked?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factual information is presented, with most of the information appropriately referenced. I would have preferred more detailed referencing throughout. <p>Is the information biased?</p> <p>Unsure. The methods section is brief and it is not possible to tell how they recruitment participants and how the data was analyzed.</p>
				<p>Timeliness of information (how recent is the information)</p> <p>When was the information published?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This article was published in 2007. However, given the topic I do not think the date is that important in relation to the accuracy or relevance of this information.