Figure 3. Trial flow diagram

22 schools
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18,000 pupils*
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17,446 completed screening questionnaires returned
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1609 children with a symptom score \( \geq 6 \)
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554 children with a private doctor in the study area
↓
43 practices
Randomisation of the 43 practices

Intervention group
21 practices
146 children
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126 children (86.3%)

Control group
22 practices
172 children
↓
145 children (84.3%)

One year follow-up was attempted for 318 patients, 63 were not traceable, 26 refused to be interviewed, 82 were unable to identify their usual doctor, and 65 reported having a doctor that was not included in the study.

Included children with a completed interview after one year. 20 children in the intervention group and 27 in the control group were lost to follow-up. 41 were not traceable and six refused to be interviewed.