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**Major Compulsory Revisions** (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The paper could be improved in the following ways:

1. A greater justification of the setting within the Veterans Medical Affairs Centre is needed to highlight why this setting is of particular relevance and in what ways the results are generalisable to other settings.

2. The qualitative data is very descriptive. More in depth analysis could have been carried out (See Epstein and Ogden, 2005).

3. The quantitative data are also very descriptive - a more interesting story could have been made.

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**Minor Essential Revisions** (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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