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Dear Sir,  

Manuscript number 4916675851295954 - What do bereaved parents want from professionals after the sudden death of their child? A systematic review of the literature  

I have revised the manuscript as requested. The revisions are as follows:  

1. The title has been changed to 'A systematic review'.  
2. Line 60-8. Further explanation of the CDR process is given to explain better the potential for intrusion.  
4. Line 71. The term 'professionals' has been changed to 'health care professionals, police officers and social workers'.  
5. Line 88. The charities' names have been corrected.  
6. Line 93-9. More details of the inclusion criteria have been given. The inclusion criteria do not address what typical professional support parents receive because this varies hugely. There are data on this included in the results section.  
7. Line 114-9. More details of the data extraction process have been given.  
8. Line 120-35. The rationale for using Dent et al and Finlay and Dallimore as a reference framework has been explained more clearly. This framework was used to help clarify which findings could be generalised to all types of child death and which remained specific to certain types of child death. The framework was only used after the thematic analysis and did not limit the analysis of data. The results of the framework are not presented separately as this would result in a large amount of duplication. Whilst the paper is a meta-analysis we have avoided using this term as it can have many different meanings.  
9. The results sections have been revised to make it clearer which findings relate to all types of child death and which only to specific deaths.
10. Where possible more statistics have been given in the results section; however many quantitative papers gave few statistics often using phrases such as 'most parents'.
11. A summary chart for health care professionals, figure 3, has been included.
12. The discussion section highlights the fact that the findings of the review can be used by any professional supporting bereaved parents.

Yours faithfully

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