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I am happy with the revised manuscript except for the phrase: "The approach used was analogous to grounded theory." I am not sure this is helpful. It either is or isn't Grounded Theory. I think the sentence which clarifies their inductive approach and patterns emerging from the data is sufficient. However I would question whether all the findings emerged without any prior categorisation of mental health issues influencing the coding structure.

Comments addressed:

The authors appreciate the feedback regarding the sentence in question and have removed it. We agree that researchers undertake analysis with pre-existing knowledge in the field and that this may have an influence on the findings. Nonetheless, in the current study the authors made every effort to minimise the effect of pre-existing information and structures by following a methodological approach that demands the focus is only on the data under consideration. We thank you for your very helpful comments throughout the review process.