Reviewer's report

Title: Health Service Costs and Clinical Gains of Psychotherapy for Personality Disorders: A randomized controlled Trial of Day Hospital-based Step-down Treatment versus Outpatient Treatment in Specialist Practice

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Reviewer: Jeremy Miles

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- Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

Was a power analysis carried out? If so, it should be reported.

- Minor Essential Revisions
The abstract has too many abbreviations, which makes it hard to read. In the method, it says “Treatment (1) or (2)” - but I’ve forgotten what these were (because I didn’t know they were important.
P4: “low life quality” is usually “low quality of life”.
P9: I’m not sure what “s (intra-class correlation coefficient (ICC) of 2.1)” means.

What was the distribution of costs like? It’s often highly skewed, which can be problematic.

- Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests