Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

1. The questions posed by the authors extend previous work with their conceptualisation and evaluation of mental health first aid. This project is well defined and extends their earlier work.

2. Methods are well established and appropriate and described in sufficient detail.

3. Data are sound and controls are clearly described with limitations of the study design and implementation.

4. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards.

5. The authors acknowledge gaps and problems with data and conclusions as well as limitations to their findings.

6. Yes tables and abstract are accurate for findings and conclusions.

7. Writing is of sound standout.

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.