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This paper is much improved since the last version and has taken into account comments and suggestions from the last review

Discretionary Revisions

1. Abstract

It would be better to reword the result section to use more academic language, for example not using terms that the participants use such as “common tradegy”

2. Background

Can you expand on the statement that there evidence that the effectiveness of biomedical interventions has been slowed down by insufficient behaviour change? What interventions? How effective are they? And what behaviour change is referred to? Can these all be referenced?

Last sentence should add “and institutional practices”

2. Methods

The detail in the first sentence is not needed

Study population – why is it important for the study that the POs have completed 4 years of secondary education

3. Results

Don’t use the word “confessed”. It implies a judgement on their behaviour

Check all the English are there are lots of places where “the” and “a” are not written
Encountering risky sexual behaviour within and outside work place – Why is confidentiality an issue? Is it good or bad?

Overall, this is a good paper that would be improved by further editing and ensuring that emotive and judgemental terms and statements are changed

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

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

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests