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Dear David Hunter

Re: Article submission ‘Injury prevention briefings: a strategy to aid implementation of community public health interventions among at risk populations? Qualitative study nested within a multi-centre randomised controlled trial’.

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Please find attached this article which we would like to submit BMC Public Health. It is based on qualitative research completed as part of the Keeping Children Safe Programme in which UK Children’s Centre staff are interviewed about their experience of implementing an Injury Prevention Briefing (IPB) to improve fire safety in the home. The protocol article for this study is in print in *BMC Public Health* (http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/69) and the methodology used to design the IPB is described in full in *Injury prevention* (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17170184). These articles are also attached with our submission.

We feel this study fits within the scope of BMC Public Health as it reports on the impact of an innovative public health intervention, the challenges facing those charged with its delivery and explores whether and under what circumstances the IPB is an effective aid. It also reflects on the transferability of this method to other areas. This paper was previously submitted to Implementation Science: the editor read it with interest but felt it was outside the journals remit and recommended submission to BMC Public Health. We have since made some minor revisions in line with your aims and scope.

We have secured Nottingham University institutional open access funding and can supply an authorisation code if you decide to publish this article.

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All authors have completed the ICMJE uniform disclosure form at www.icmje.org/coi_disclosure.pdf and declare: some authors had financial support from the National Institute for Health Research
(NIHR) for the submitted work; no financial relationships with any organisations that might have an interest in the submitted work in the previous three years; no other relationships or activities that could appear to have influenced the submitted work.

We feel this article has implications for the design and implementation of health interventions generally and in the particular circumstances of fire safety in at risk populations. I hope that BMC Public Health will consider publishing it.

Yours sincerely

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