Reviewer’s report

Title: What works in practice? User and provider perspectives on the acceptability, affordability, implementation, and impact of a family-based intervention for child overweight and obesity delivered at scale

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I have no major compulsory, or minor essential revisions, to suggest. This is an excellent paper, of significant interest. The methods employed by the authors are first class, and their efforts to try and recruit low and non attenders to the MEND programme are worthy. The paper is well written.

My only comment is around access and health inequalities. It is clear from some of the quotes that low income families (who for example may have multiple jobs at various times of the day) found the programme particularly hard to engage with. There are other comments too, in the text, suggesting that such an onerous and rigid programme, with ‘lot of paperwork’, may not be best suited to such families. I think the paper should include some comment on this issues in the discussion, and perhaps the abstract.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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