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Title: Understanding the social context of fatal road traffic collisions among young people: a qualitative analysis of coroners’ records

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Understanding the social context of fatal road traffic collisions among young people: a qualitative analysis of coroners’ records

Please find attached the submission of the above-titled paper for your consideration. The human and economic costs of road traffic related deaths and injuries of young people around the world are significant, and growing. Our research examined the social context of road traffic collisions using a qualitative approach, utilising in-depth data contained in coroners’ records. This complements the existing body of knowledge on the subject, which takes a predominantly quantitative approach to the issue, using more routinely available data. As well as highlighting the usefulness of this qualitative approach and the use of coroners’ records, the paper also supports a number of interventions to tackle the issue of road traffic collisions involving young people.

Response to request:

1. We have now stated that we were granted access to the data by HM Coroner for Wiltshire and Swindon, and that the university ethics committee decided that we did not require ethical approval.
2. We have now added a “competing interests” section.
3. We have now added an “authors’ contributions” section and an “acknowledgements section”.
4. We feel that our study does adhere to RATS guidelines and we have ensured that the revised manuscript conforms to the journal style.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul Pilkington