Author's response to reviews

Title: The Delivery of Stop Smoking Support to People with Mental Health Conditions: A Survey of NHS Stop Smoking Services

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Dear Madam/ Sir,

Thank you very much for the helpful comments received from the reviewers. We have addressed those as specified above and hope that you will find our paper suitable for submission in your journal now.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Elena Ratschen

Changes made in response to reviewers comments

Abstract

1. Line on how withdrawal can mimic mental illness modified. All comments made in the abstract are now discussed and referenced in the main text.

2. The meaning of ‘Strategic drivers’ is made clear by the insertion of and example “(eg – targets relating to successful quits)”

Background

3. ‘NHS’ is now defined in full in text.

4. Line on how withdrawal can mimic mental illness modified.


Results

6. The fact that the recording of mental health status refers to either current or lifetime history of mental health problems is made explicit.

7. Definition used of ‘mental health problems’ now made explicit in the methods section (para 2).

8. Targets now defined as “specific and predefined numbers of successful quits or other outcomes that would indicate acceptable service performance”

9. Missing verb ‘were’ inserted

10. The four ‘levels’ of commitment from Mental Health Trusts (as rated by participants) now defined.

11. ‘Ring-fenced’ now defined (as “dedicated and protected”)

12. ‘quit targets’ now explicitly defined
Discussion

13. meaning and examples of ‘Strategic drivers’ again made explicit.

14. The phrase “if not as poor as perceived by respondents” has been reworded: “This finding suggests that either mental health trusts’ engagement in the area of smoking is either poor or that it is occurring without reference to the local stop smoking service.”