Reviewer’s report

Title: Sustainable practice change: Professionals' experiences with a child health intervention programme in Sweden

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? On the whole, but see comment 1
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes, see comment 2
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes, see comment 3

1. This is an interesting and useful paper. I would have found it helpful to have a little more information about what each professional group was changing from and what to? Table 3 gives some indication, and is a useful summary, but I would have valued more detail. For example, were all the professional previously experienced in using motivational interviewing and a salutogenic approach? To what extent was the change a purely structural one, and how much did it require a change in values and skills? This is not really clear from the explanation, and does not come through in the explanation. (major compulsory revision)

2. There is a few papers about health visitors' use of guidelines by Jane Appleton, which might have been helpful. (discretionary revision)

3. Page 16 para 3: superior barrier: wrong word? (superior means better or more senior). Should this be ‘higher’ or ‘tougher’? 
End of page 26, Fund, not found (minor essential revisions)

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests. Co-author on one of the recommended (discretionary) papers by Jane Appleton