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Title: Exploring barriers to participation and adoption of telehealth and telecare within the Whole System Demonstrator trial: a qualitative study

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Dear Professor Wootton,

Thank you for your response to our previous resubmission addressing the comments and suggestions from the referees. We note that reviewer 1 does not request any further changes. Reviewer 2 has very kindly pointed to a small number of grammatical errors and typos which we have now corrected as detailed below.

We hope we have now addressed all outstanding queries with the paper and it should now be ready for publication. If you do have any additional queries, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Sanders

1. Participants and Methods, third paragraph: The sentence, “Nineteen people agreed to take part and who withdrew from the trial after joining the intervention armii,” should be clarified. Perhaps the meaning is this: “Nineteen people who withdrew from the trial after joining the intervention arm agreed to take partii.” Relatedly, Endnote ii begins, “One of these 3 withdrew only a couple of weeks after the equipment was installed…..” The referenced sentence never mentions 3 participants. The authors should clarify meaning.

We are grateful to the reviewer for pointing out this error, the word three is missing and the sentence should in fact read:

“Nineteen people agreed to take part and a further three who withdrew from the trial after joining the intervention armii,”

The sentence has now been corrected in the script.

2. Participants and Methods, third paragraph: The sentence, “42 out of the 61 declined…” should begin as, “Forty-two out of the 61 declined….”

Done

3. Discussion, sixth paragraph: The sentence beginning, “For example, there is a need for further research to investigate who specific intervention work for…” should be corrected to read, “For example, there is a need for further research to investigate who specific interventions work for…”

Done

4. Conclusion: The final sentence uses the confusing term “greater proximity”. Whereas proximity refers to the distance between two things, greater proximity
suggests a greater distance—the opposite of the authors’ meaning. I suggest replacing the phrase with “closer proximity”.
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