Author's response to reviews

Title: Implementation evaluation of the Dutch National Heat Plan among long-term care institutions in Amsterdam: a cross-sectional study

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Dear editor,

We thank you for the opportunity to resubmit the paper entitled “Implementation evaluation of the Dutch National Heat Plan among long-term care institutions in Amsterdam: a cross-sectional study”. We also thank the reviewers for their willingness to provide constructive comments for a second time.

We hereby submit a new version of the paper. In this paper, we have taken into account the comments of the reviewers and the associate editor. More specifically:

1. We have contracted a professional editing service which thoroughly corrected the language. All corrections made to manuscript have been marked in grey.

2. As requested by the associate editor, now we are clearer about the external validity or the generalisability of the study's findings. We have changed the manuscript at two places (both marked in yellow):
   - at the end of “Evaluation of data” we have discussed in more detail why the results may not be generalisable to other countries;
   - we now modified the very end of the Discussion section in order to stress the need to perform similar studies in other countries.

3. We have taken into account the three “minor concerns” of reviewer Cees de Baat. More specifically:
   - we made small changes to sentences 2 and 3 of the Introduction, to make is fully clear that future trends are predictions, not facts;
   - on page 4, we added one sentence on the contents of the National Heat Plan. We highlighted an element that is directly related to this study;
   - ‘questionnaire’ has been changed back to ‘survey’ where appropriate. We thank the reviewer for noting this error.
   All these minor changes are marked in yellow.

We look forward to hearing about your decision,

Yours sincerely,

Anton Kunst