Author's response to reviews

Title: Effect of telehealth on glycaemic control: analysis of patients with type 2 diabetes in the Whole Systems Demonstrator cluster randomised trial

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Dear Clare Partridge

Many thanks for your message dated 4 June 2014, in which you informed us that the Editor has recommended acceptance of this manuscript for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

We have addressed the three editorial comments as follows:

1. Ethical approval
For the sake of clarity we would ask that you confirm within the methods section whether ethical approval covered all sites or whether ethical approval was sought from each site individually. Please refer to each committee by its full name and ensure this statement appears in the Methods rather than at the end of the manuscript.

> We have included a new subsection at the end of the methods section that reads as follows:

"Ethical approval: The Liverpool Research Ethics Committee (reference 08/H1005/4) approved the study in all of the participating sites."

2. Consent
Please provide a clear consent statement within the Methods.

> We have made the following statement in the methods section:

"All participants signed a consent form to agree to their details being examined to establish their eligibility for the trial. Once eligibility had been established, they were visited at home, where they signed a further consent form to agree to participate in the trial."

3. Title page
Please ensure the email address of each author is present on the title page.
> We have included all email addresses on the title page.

Many thanks for processing this manuscript so quickly. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the authors